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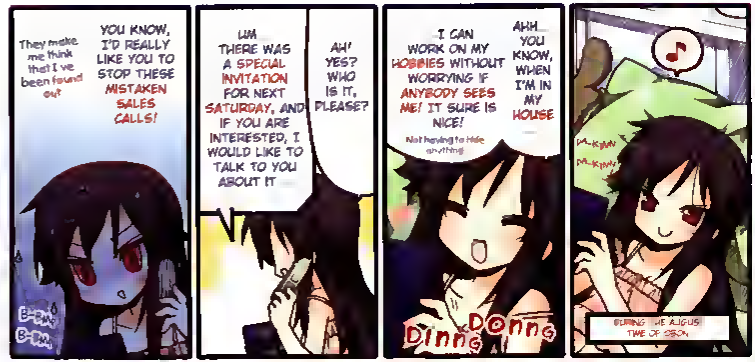
They make me think that I've been found out
YOU KNOW, I'D REALLY LIKE YOU TO STOP THESE MISTAKEN SALES CALLS!
B-BUM B-BUM
UM THERE WAS A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR NEXT SATURDAY, AND IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT
AH! YES? WHO IS IT, PLEASE?
I CAN WORK ON MY HOBBIES WITHOUT WORRYING IF ANYBODY SEES ME! IT SURE IS NICE!
Not having to hide anything
AHH... YOU KNOW, WHEN I'M IN MY HOUSE
Ding Dong
PA-KWA
PA-KWA

PICK THIS UP EVEN IF YOU FEEL A LITTLE INTERESTED!

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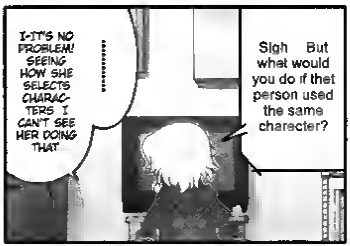
that's what you notice

BWaan
DAMMIT! NEXT TIME, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO USE AKUMA AND POUND HER DOWN!
I'm sure that I could bring out Gouken if I did that!!
If I spend time perfecting Capcom techniques
I should be able to use him!


I-IT'S NO PROBLEM! SEEING HOW SHE SELECTS CHARACTERS I CAN'T SEE HER DOING THAT
Sigh But what would you do if that person used the same character?

DON'T GO THINKING MY GAME PLAY IS ON YOUR LEVEL!
Besides, in my experience, when a bad player tries to play a strong character... they don't use them very well
They end up just swinging their arms wildly

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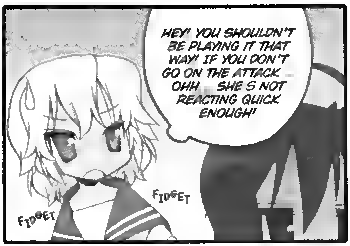
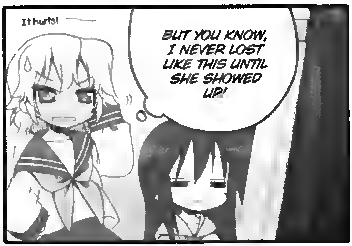
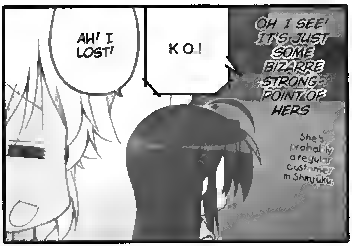
the ideal and the reality

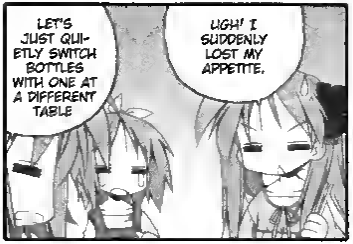


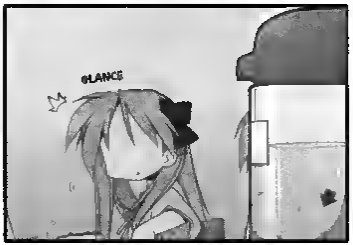
BUT WHEN SHE FIGHTS OTHER PEOPLE, I GET THE FEELING THAT I COULD ACTUALLY WIN
Does she only go all out when fighting me?
HMM... WHEN SHE'S FIGHTING ME SHE SEEMS SO UNBEATABLE

the self-proclaimed "strongest"

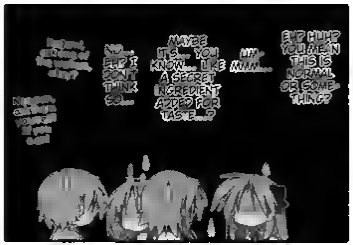


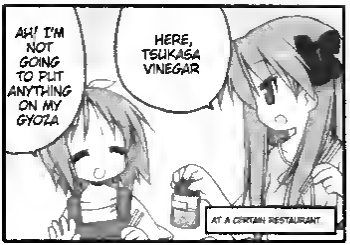


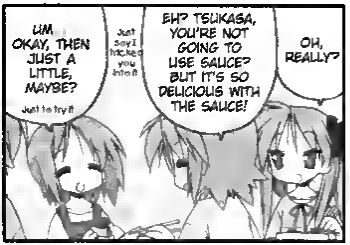

LET'S JUST QUIETLY SWITCH BOTTLES WITH ONE AT A DIFFERENT TABLE
UGH! I SUDDENLY LOST MY APPETITE.

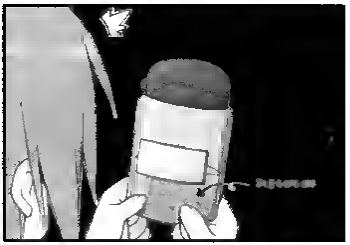

GLANCE

WHOOSH


Maybe it's... you know... like a secret ingredient added for taste...?
My mmm...
Eh? How? You mean this is normal or some thing?


Ah! I'm not going to put anything on my gyoza
Here, Tsukasa vinegar
AT A CERTAIN RESTAURANT


Um okay, then just a little, maybe?
Just to try it
Just say I tricked you into it
Eh? Tsukasa, you're not going to use sauce? But it's so delicious with the sauce!
Oh, really?



Geh Geeh

• Konata Izumi

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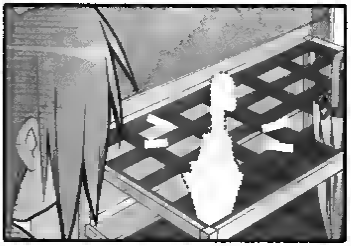

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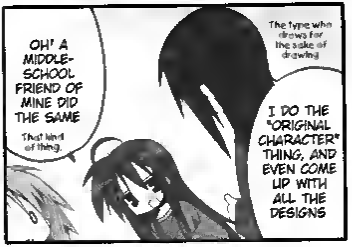
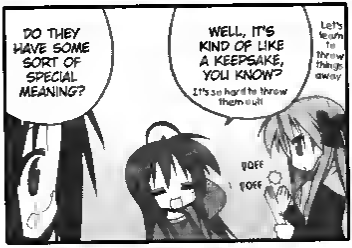
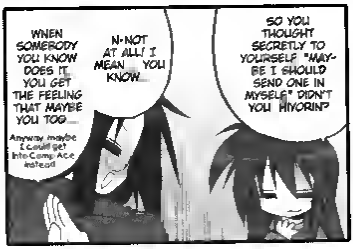

OH! A MIDDLE-SCHOOL FRIEND OF MINE DID THE SAME
That kind of thing.
The type who draws for the sake of drawing
I DO THE "ORIGINAL CHARACTER" THING, AND EVEN COME UP WITH ALL THE DESIGNS

HEY, I HARDLY EVER DRAW, AND EVEN I'VE THOUGHT THAT!
Hobby Comic Festival
ODDLY, I'D ALWAYS THINK THAT I'M IN COMPETITION WITH THE PEOPLE WHO SEND IN ARTWORK
Even though I'm no great artist myself.
I WOULD ALWAYS THINK, "AM I BETTER THAN THAT ARTIST?"
Now I have an understanding of just how low-level I am.

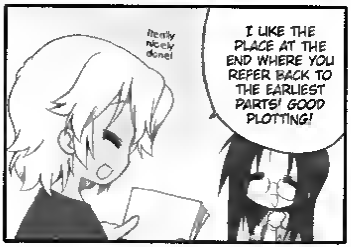
the light of hope

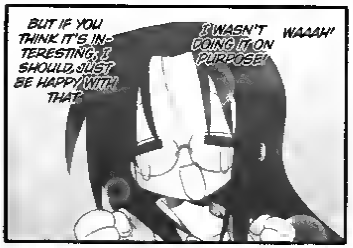

DO THEY HAVE SOME SORT OF SPECIAL MEANING?
WELL, IT'S KIND OF LIKE A KEEPSAKE, YOU KNOW?
It's so hard to throw them out!
Let's learn to throw things away
POFF
POFF

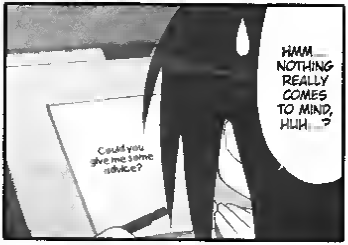

WHEN SOMEBODY YOU KNOW DOES IT, YOU GET THE FEELING THAT MAYBE YOU TOO...
Anyway maybe I could get into Comp Ace instead!
N-NOT AT ALL! I MEAN... YOU KNOW...
SO YOU THOUGHT SECRETLY TO YOURSELF "MAYBE I SHOULD SEND ONE IN MYSELF" DIDN'T YOU HIYORIN?

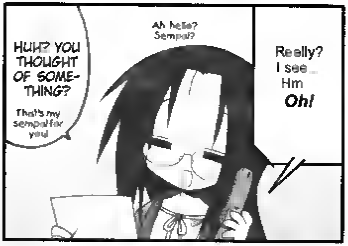
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
AND SO ..THIS IS HOW THE MANGA TURNED OUT...
What do you think?

!!
Y-YOU THINK SO?
That's great!
MM! I THINK IT'S OKAY! IT'S PRETTY INTEREST-ING!
Oh!


Really nicely done!
I LIKE THE PLACE AT THE END WHERE YOU REFER BACK TO THE EARLIEST PARTS! GOOD PLOTTING!


BUT IF YOU THINK IT'S IN-TERESTING, I SHOULD JUST BE HAPPY WITH THAT.
I WASN'T DOING IT ON PURPOSE!
WAAAH!


Could you give me some advice?
HMM... NOTHING REALLY COMES TO MIND, HUH...?

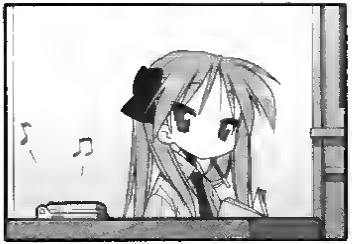

HUH? YOU THOUGHT OF SOME-THING?
That's my senpai for you!
Ah hello? Senpai?
Really? I see... Hm
Oh!

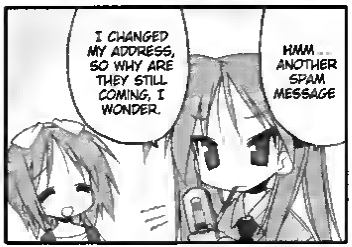
now I think I'd like to use it in my own manga
Sorry Hiyon! Yes I thought of something but...

THAT WOULD HAVE TO HAPPEN HUH?!
WAAAH!

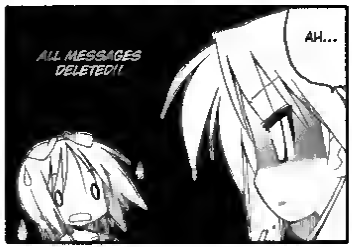
• Tsukasa Hiiragi

a one-button mistake





WHOA! I DIDN'T WANT THE LEFT BUTTON. I WANT THE RIGHT BUTTON!
Dammit
LET'S SEE... DELETE.. DELETE..
RIGHT: DELETE SELECTED MAIL MESSAGES. LEFT: DELETE ALL MESSAGES.
BEEP
BEEP



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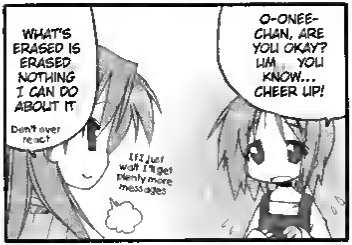
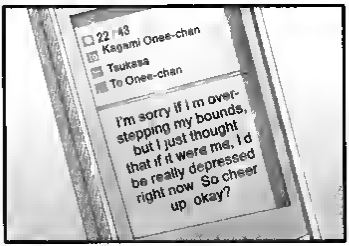
unseverable chains that bind

up against a wall


WHAT'S ERASED IS ERASED NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT
Don't over react
O-ONEE-CHAN, ARE YOU OKAY? UM... YOU KNOW... CHEER UP!
I-I...just wait I'll get plenty more messages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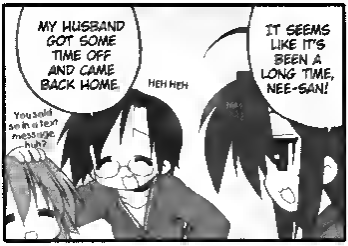
Kagami Onee-chan
Tsukasa
To Onee-chan
I'm sorry if I'm over-stepping my bounds, but I just thought that if it were me, I'd be really depressed right now. So cheer up okay?

I WANT TO THANK HER IN PERSON, BUT I MUST LOOK TERRIBLE RIGHT NOW!!
Kagami
I got the mail messages
Thank you!
HONESTLY! WHEN SOME-BODY DOES SOMETHING LIKE THAT FOR ME...
SNIFF
PEEP PEEP

Rinnnn
nnn nnG
PH-WAAA?!
Did I fall asleep?
6AM PH

AH!
YAHOO! I HAVE ARRIVED, LITTLE SISTERS OF MINE!
Nee-San!
Onee-Chan!

OH, I'M SORRY! WERE YOU ASLEEP?
It sounds awful, though
I JUST HAD A WEIRD DREAM WHERE I THOUGHT PASSING MY COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM WAS JUST A DREAM!
SKETCH
SKETCH

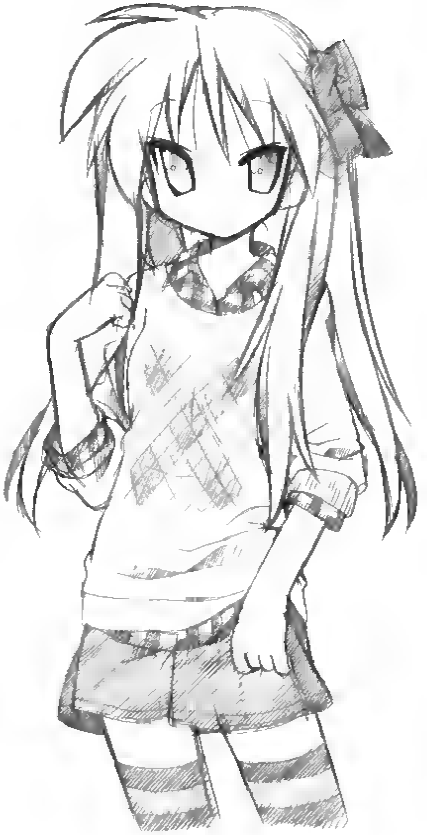

MY HUSBAND GOT SOME TIME OFF AND CAME BACK HOME.
HEH HEH
You said so in a text message, huh?
IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, NEE-SAN!

..I SORT OF GET THE FEELING THAT MIGHT NOT BE SO BAD
BUT IF IT MEANT THAT I'D BE ABLE TO BE WITH EVERYBODY IN A CLASSROOM AGAIN

IF S/HE'S A GUY I'D NEVER LEAVE HER ALONE FOR A SECOND!
OH, FOR PITY'S SAKE! THAT GIRL...

I GUESS IT'S FOR THE BEST!
.. SHE SEEMS PRETTY DARNED HAPPY, SO..
I HAVEN'T SEEN HER IN A WHILE, BUT...

• Kagami Hiiragi



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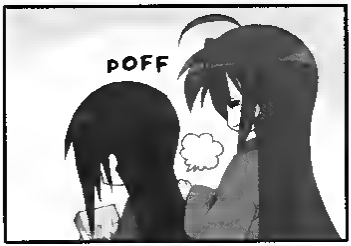
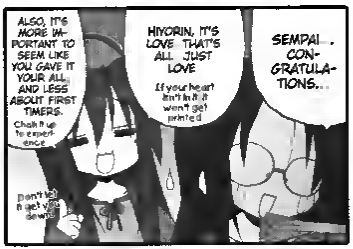



ALSO, IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO SEEM LIKE YOU GAVE IT YOUR ALL AND LESS ABOUT FIRST TIMERS.
Chalk it up to expert once.
Don't let it get you down!
HIYORIN, IT'S LOVE THAT'S ALL JUST LOVE
If your heart isn't in it it won't get printed
SEMPAI . . . CONGRATULATIONS...

● Comptiq, December 2008 issue

COME TO THINK OF IT, HIIRAGI'S SISTER...

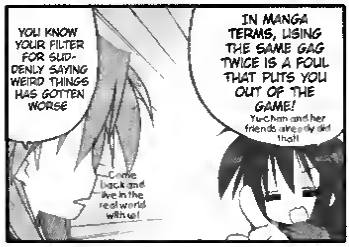
HUH? YOU AND I ARE IN THE SAME COLLEGE, MISAKICHI?

EH? OH, YEAH..!
HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO CALL HER "SISTER"?
You could call her by her name you know!
I-I don't really mind!

AND WE'RE EVEN IN THE SAME DEPART-MENT WHAT A COINCI-DENCE!

DID WHAT NOW?
AHH, KAGAMI! YOU DID IT NOW

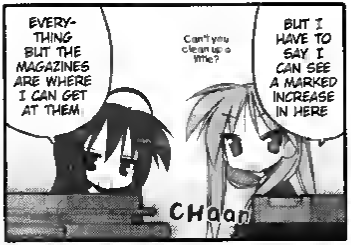
My college is very close to yours!
Let's make the best of it!
Well, I feel relieved knowing that there'll be at least one face I know

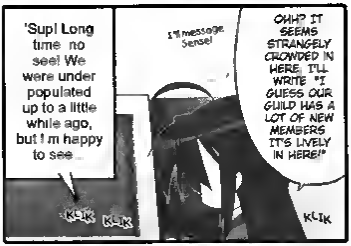

YOU KNOW YOUR FILTER FOR SUD-DENLY SAYING WEIRD THINGS HAS GOTTEN WORSE
IN MANGA TERMS, USING THE SAME GAG TWICE IS A FOUL THAT PUTS YOU OUT OF THE GAME!
Yu-Chan and her friends already did that!
...Come back and live in the real world with us!

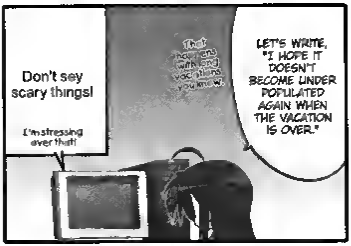
BUT I GET THE FEELING SHE ISN'T VERY BRIGHT, HUH?
Meanie
Shorty

trying out a school

in proliferation


EVERYTHING BUT THE MAGAZINES ARE WHERE I CAN GET AT THEM
Can't you clean up a little?
BUT I HAVE TO SAY I CAN SEE A MARKED INCREASE IN HERE
CHaan


'Sup! Long time no see! We were under populated up to a little while ago, but I'm happy to see...
KCIK KLIK
I'll message Sensei
OHH? IT SEEMS STRANGELY CROWDED IN HERE. I'LL WRITE "I GUESS OUR GUILD HAS A LOT OF NEW MEMBERS IT'S LIVELY IN HERE!"
KLIK


Don't say scary things!
I'm stressing over that!
That phenomenon with long vacations, you know!
LET'S WRITE, "I HOPE IT DOESN'T BECOME UNDER POPULATED AGAIN WHEN THE VACATION IS OVER."

BUT THERE ARE THINGS YOU BOUGHT EARLIER THAT YOU HAVEN'T PLAYED YET!
I'LL PLAY IT LATER, WHEN I GET A LITTLE TIME
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY IT, RIGHT?
BHHH... I CAN'T SINCE I HAVEN'T PLAYED IT MYSELF YET
Once I have it I'll lend it to you
When will you make time?
I'll get to it

• Miyuki Takara

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EXCHANGE STUDENT INFORMATION FOR THOSE READY TO BE A HOST FAMILY
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. I HAVE TO GIVE THIS TO UNCLE SOUJIROU!
UM, UNCLE! I HAVE THIS PAPER THAT YOU HAVE TO...
SHUump
B-EXCUSE ME FOR INTRUDING!
EH? AH! NO, YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG! IT FELL, AND I WAS JUST IN THE MIDDLE OF PICKING IT UP!
You've got the wrong idea!
SLAMM

● Comptiq, December 2008 issue

bad timing

B-BUT IT CAN'T I MEAN, ONLY A WEIRDO WOULD GO THROUGH OTHER PEOPLE'S TRASH! BUT...
COME TO THINK OF IT, ONEE-CHAN SAID SHE HAD JUST COME BACK FROM THE CONVENIENCE STORE.
B-BMP
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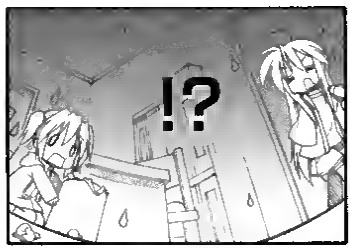

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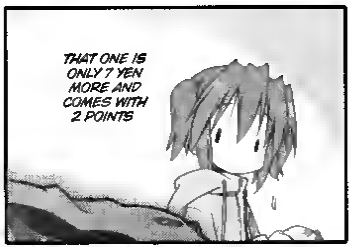
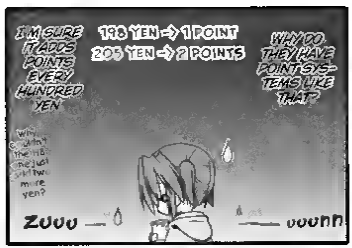
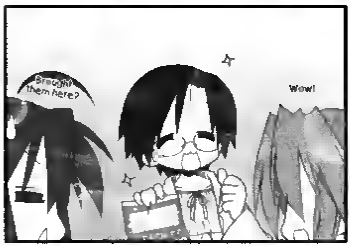



I'M SURE IT ADDS POINTS EVERY HUNDRED YEN
198 YEN -> 1 POINT
205 YEN -> 2 POINTS
WHY DO THEY HAVE POINT SYSTEMS LIKE THAT?
ZUUU
UUUNN

'SUP! HI YA!!
THANK YOU, ONEE-CHAN!

SO I GATHERED UP SOME POINTS AND BROUGHT THEM!
You know the one!
I NOTICED THAT THE CONVE-NIENCE STORES WERE HOLDING A CAMPAIGN WHERE YOU CAN GET A CHARACTER THAT YUTAKA REALLY LIKES!
To
—Daaah


Brought them here?
Wow!

HUUUH? WHAT? WHAT?!
YOU ALWAYS COME IN AND STEAL THE SCENE!!
Just as I was being a good older sister!!
THAT'S NO FAIR, NEE-SAN!! NO FAIR AT ALL!!
Both older sister!

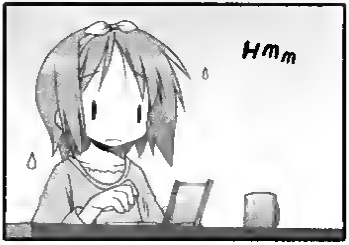
Come to think of it, I like that character too!
YOU'RE SO NICE I'M SURE YOU WOULD HAVE GONE OUT OF YOUR WAY TO GET ME POINTS! I CAN'T HAVE THAT!
I have to try to do things for myself!
IF YOU HAD JUST SAID SOMETHING I COULD HAVE HELPED YOU OUT!
OH, I SEE. YOU DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH POINTS!

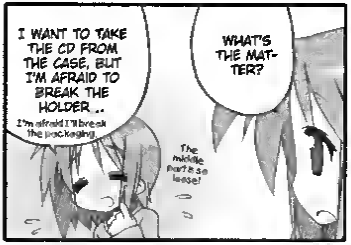
SO DON'T HOLD BACK! ASK US, OKAY?!
LISTEN, YUI-CHAN. WE DO IT BECAUSE WE LIKE TO SEE THE SMILE ON YOUR FACE!

FAMILY.
AND THE WHOLE REASON WHY YOU SHOULD FEEL NO QUALMS ABOUT ASKING IS BECAUSE WE'RE FAMILY!
There are times when we can help and times we can't

AH?! NO, NO!
HM? I THINK I JUST SAID SOMETHING COOL! NOT LIKE ME, HUH?
Heeey!
I was really happy to hear it!
Not at all

• Misao Kusakabe




I WANT TO TAKE THE CD FROM THE CASE, BUT I'M AFRAID TO BREAK THE HOLDER...
I'm afraid I'll break the packaging.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
The middle part is so loose!

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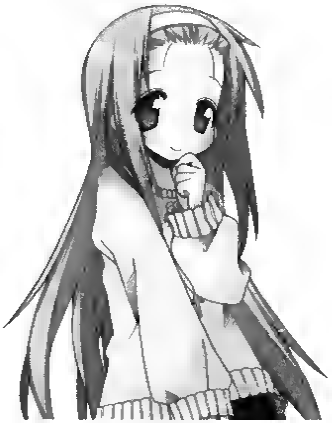
the tide comes in and goes out



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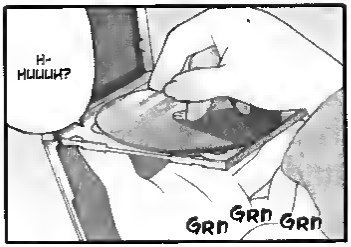
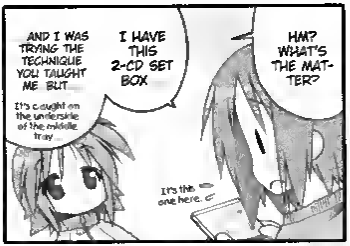
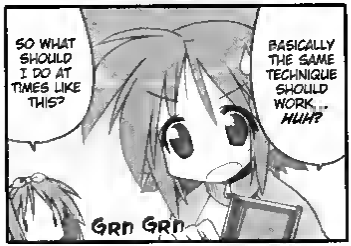
sometimes it breaks

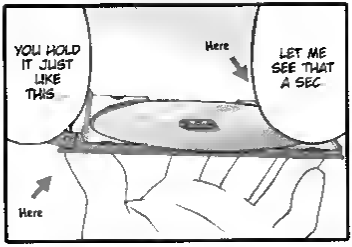


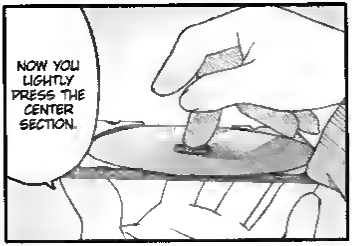

AND I WAS TRYING THE TECHNIQUE YOU TAUGHT ME BUT...
It's caught on the underside of the middle tray.
I HAVE THIS 2-CD SET BOX
It's the one here.
HM? WHAT'S THE MATTER?



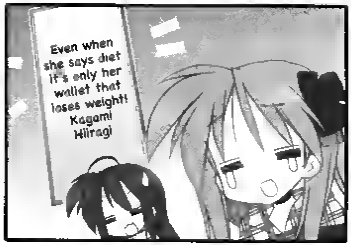
I THINK I SUDDENLY HEARD THE SOUND OF A HUGE GASP!
I SEE...
WELL, I GUESS THE ONLY THING TO DO AT TIMES LIKE THIS IS TO PRY IT OUT BY FORCE
It's a little scary huh

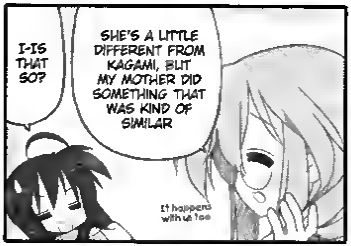
secret technique

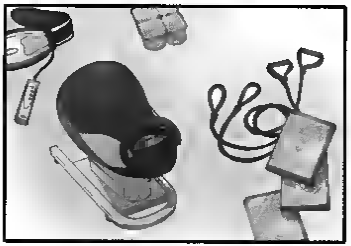


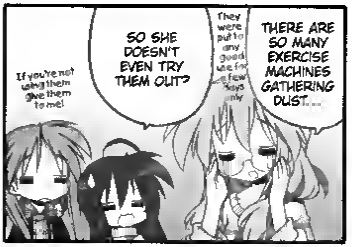


Other cases

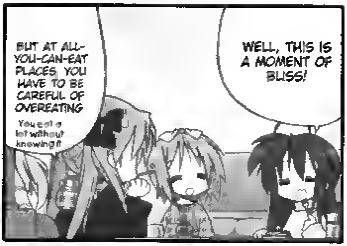



I-IS THAT SO?
SHE'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM KAGAMI, BUT MY MOTHER DID SOMETHING THAT WAS KIND OF SIMILAR
It happens with us too




SO SHE DOESN'T EVEN TRY THEM OUT?
They were put to any good use for a few days only
THERE ARE SO MANY EXERCISE MACHINES GATHERING DUST...
If you're not using them give them to me!

what is lost first


BUT AT ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PLACES YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL OF OVEREATING
You eat a lot without knowing it
WELL, THIS IS A MOMENT OF BLISS!

GAK! I-I'VE JUST BEEN ENJOYING MY FREEDOM AFTER MY ENTRANCE EXAMS ENDED .
THAT'S NOT A LINE I EXPECT TO HEAR FROM A WOMAN WHOSE BEEN GOING OUT TO EAT A LOT LATELY

OH, HONESTLY! SHUT UP, WOULD YOU?
Who cares if I eat a little?
It's when you talk about it, you eat the most
BUT THE ONLY THING THAT EVER LOSES ANY WEIGHT IS YOUR WALLET!

• Ayano Minegishi

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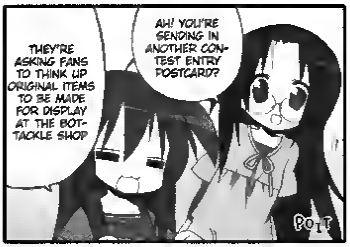
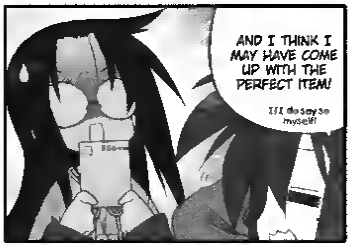
the part lacking


THEY'RE ASKING FANS TO THINK UP ORIGINAL ITEMS TO BE MADE FOR DISPLAY AT THE BOT-TACKLE SHOP
AH! YOU'RE SENDING IN ANOTHER CON-TEST ENTRY POSTCARD?
POI



...HAS THE IN-CREDIBLE FEELING OF FREEDOM TO DESIGN SOME-THING WITH NO THOUGHT TO HOW IT WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE!
I GUESS SOMEBODY WHO HASN'T EVER MADE ANYTHING...
Subtext: Isn't this boring?

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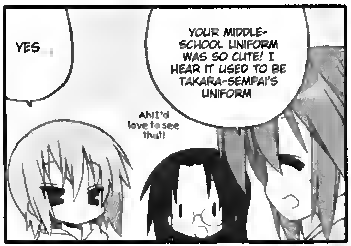
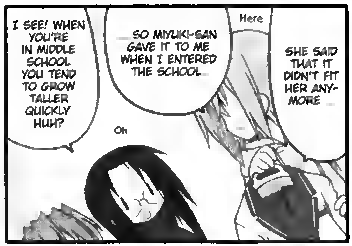
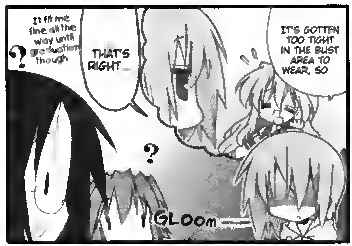
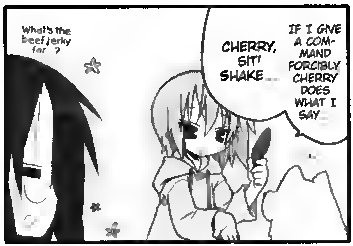
You can use the K if you want
COME TO THINK OF IT, IT'S BEEN A WHOLE YEAR SINCE I MET YOU, MINAMI-CHAN?


YES
YOUR MIDDLE-SCHOOL UNIFORM WAS SO CUTE! I HEAR IT USED TO BE TAKARA-SEMPAI'S UNIFORM
Ah!! I'd love to see that!


I SEE! WHEN YOU'RE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL YOU TEND TO GROW TALLER QUICKLY HUH?
Oh
...SO MIYUKI-SAN GAVE IT TO ME WHEN I ENTERED THE SCHOOL...
Here
SHE SAID THAT IT DIDN'T FIT HER ANY-MORE...


It fit me fine all the way until graduation though
THAT'S RIGHT...
IT'S GOTTEN TOO TIGHT IN THE BUST AREA TO WEAR, SO
GLOOm

Hm
TH-THAT ISN'T TRUE...
I GUESS CHERRY-CHAN DOESN'T TAKE COMMANDS VERY WELL, HUH?
I wouldn't expect that from my house, Especially.

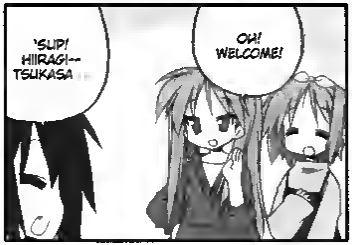

What's the beef jerky for?
CHERRY, SIT! SHAKE...
IF I GIVE A COM-MAND FORCIBLY CHERRY DOES WHAT I SAY...

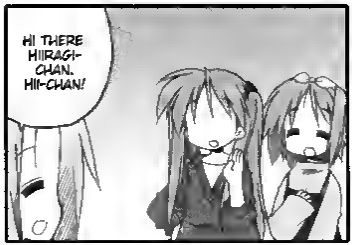
WHOOSH

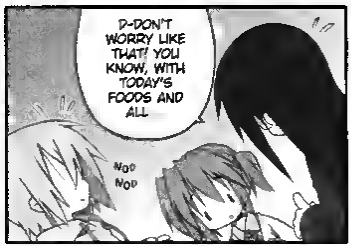
WOW... DOGS ARE PRETTY INTERESTING.
Perhaps I should get one too!
WHENEVER I SAY IT LIKE THAT CHERRY DOES IT
Only when somebody else is looking
CH-CHERRY! S-SIT...
WHUF WHUF

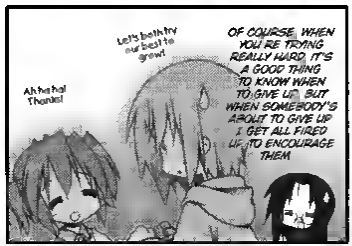
this is how it's suppressed

power of resistance








Let's both try our best to grow!
Ah ha ha! Thanks!
OF COURSE, WHEN YOU'RE TRYING REALLY HARD, IT'S A GOOD THING TO KNOW WHEN TO GIVE UP, BUT WHEN SOMEBODY'S ABOUT TO GIVE UP I GET ALL FIRED UP TO ENCOURAGE THEM

- Kou Yasaka
- Yamato Nagamori

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episode 192
how to express

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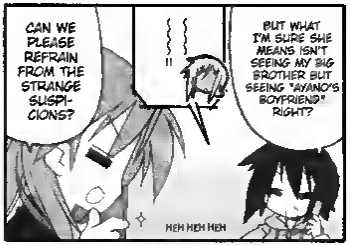
IT'S FROM AYANO!

OH! GOOD IDEA! I'VE WANTED TO SEE WHAT YOUR BROTHER LOOKS LIKE, KU-SAKABE!
YEAH, YEAH? OH, YOU'RE COMING BACK? HIIRAGI'S STILL HERE. WHY DON'T WE ALL GO BOWLING?

HM? OH, NOTHING JUST THAT HIIRAGI SAID SHE WANTED TO SEE MY BIG BROTHER.
Is that right?
HEH HEH
SORRY! MY BROTHER HAD SOME-THING COME UP, SO HE WON'T BE JOINING US.

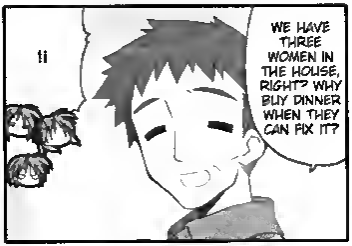

CAN WE PLEASE REFRAIN FROM THE STRANGE SUSPI-CIONS?
BUT WHAT I'M SURE SHE MEANS ISN'T SEEING MY BIG BROTHER BUT SEEING "AYANO'S BOYFRIEND." RIGHT?
HEH HEH HEH

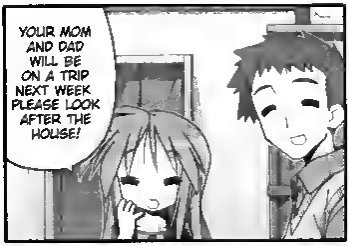
OH, HIIRAGI! COME IN! COME IN!
I'VE COME TO VISIT!

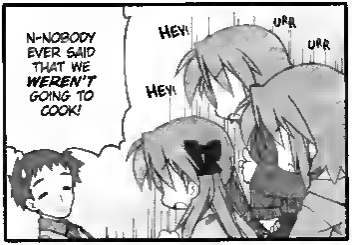
AYANO IS OUT SHOP-PING WITH MY BROTHER.
I know they are!
Nice picture!
COME TO THINK OF IT, WHERE'S MINEGI-SHI?

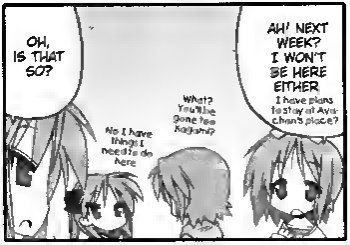
The next one is my best I think!
Let's see. Let's see.
REALLY?

I MEAN IT'S TOO EMBARRASS-ING TO SAY IT WITH A STRAIGHT FACE!
I won't lie!
I almost didn't notice!
WHEN YOU TELL ME IN THOSE WORDS, IT TAKES A BIT OF TIME TO REAL-IZE THAT YOU REALLY MEAN, "THEY'RE ON A DATE."


Hi
WE HAVE THREE WOMEN IN THE HOUSE, RIGHT? WHY BUY DINNER WHEN THEY CAN FIX IT?


YOUR MOM AND DAD WILL BE ON A TRIP NEXT WEEK PLEASE LOOK AFTER THE HOUSE!


N-NOBODY EVER SAID THAT WE WEREN'T GOING TO COOK!
HEY!
HEY!
URR
URR


OH, IS THAT SO?
No I have things I needta do here
What? You'll be gone too Kaijumi?
AH! NEXT WEEK? I WON'T BE HERE EITHER
I have plans to stay at Ayu-chan's place!

THEN I'LL LEAVE THE COOKING TO YOU
Oh these girls
Sorry Once chan!

OKAAY!
THEN, I GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO BUY YOUR DINNERS

THEY SHOULD JUST FACE FACTS AND BUY DINNER
It'll be going to come to this
POOR... SCISSORS...
Gm
Gm
Gm
Gm...

...SAY, "THEN"?
DID SHE JUST...
HUH...?

- Yutaka Kobayakawa

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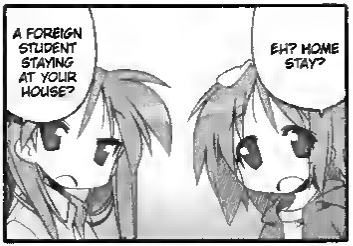
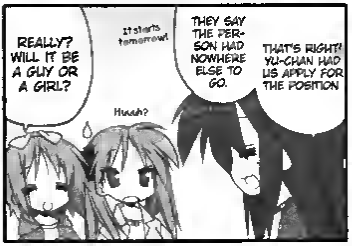
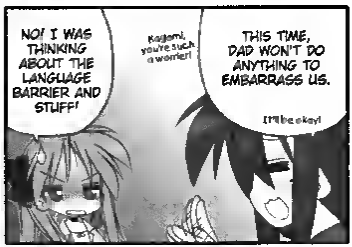



REALLY? WILL IT BE A GUY OR A GIRL?
It starts tomorrow!
Huuuh?
THEY SAY THE PERSON HAD NOWHERE ELSE TO GO.
THAT'S RIGHT! YU-CHAN HAD US APPLY FOR THE POSITION

HMM... BUT I HOPE THE GIRL WILL BE OKAY.
There's lots to worry about
Amazing!
SOMEBODY THE SAME AGE AS YU-CHAN.
A GIRL NAMED PATRICIA-SAN.


NO! I WAS THINKING ABOUT THE LANGUAGE BARRIER AND STUFF!
Kagami, you're such a worrier!
THIS TIME, DAD WON'T DO ANYTHING TO EMBARRASS US.
It'll be okay!

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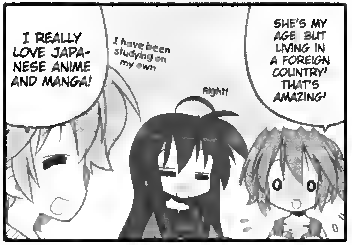
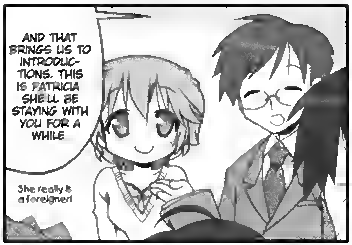
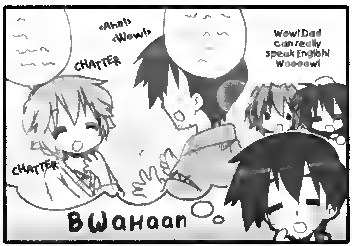
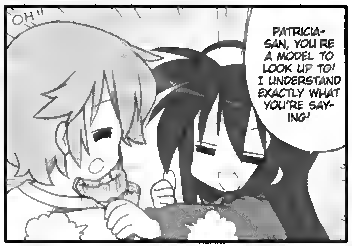

I REALLY LOVE JAPANESE ANIME AND MANGA!
I have been studying on my own
SHE'S MY AGE BUT LIVING IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY! THAT'S AMAZING!
Right



AND THAT'S THE BEST CHANCE TO LEARN DON'T YOU THINK?
BUT NOW I CAN BE IMMERSED IN THE CULTURE
Thanks! That's good to know
If you need anything we're here to help. Don't hesitate to call.





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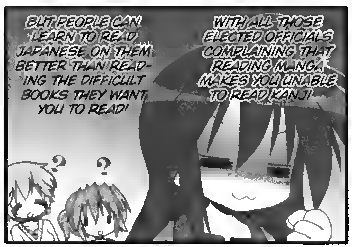
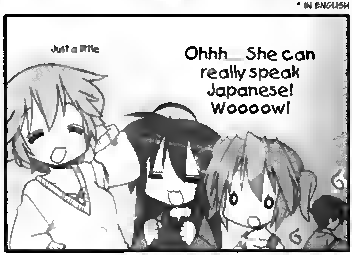
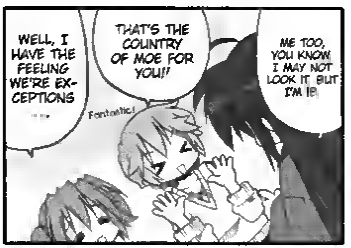

BUT PEOPLE CAN LEARN TO READ JAPANESE ON THEM BETTER THAN READING THE DIFFICULT BOOKS THEY WANT YOU TO READ!
WITH ALL THOSE ELECTED OFFICIALS COMPLAINING THAT READING MANGA MAKES YOU UNABLE TO READ KANJI!



quantity of knowledge

YEAH, I KNOW BUT THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM.
YOU'LL HAVE TO BE CARE-FUL NOT TO LOSE HER IN CONVERSA-TION.
BUT YOU GUYS TEND TO USE SOME DIFFICULT WORDS

true age


WELL, I HAVE THE FEELING WE'RE EX-CEPTIONS
THAT'S THE COUNTRY OF MOE FOR YOU!!
Fantastic!
ME TOO, YOU KNOW I MAY NOT LOOK IT BUT I'M 18!

WELL, I CAN'T BUY THEM IN JAPAN EITHER.
You have to be 20 here
IF YOU EVER WENT TO THE USA, KONATA, THEY'D NEVER SELL YOU CIGARETTES.

• Minami Iwasaki

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truer words

Oh I see Since it's a part of Japanese culture, huh?
THAT'S RIGHT. WHEN I TOLD HER THAT YOU GUYS RAN A SHRINE SHE REALLY WANTED TO SEE IT!

IS THERE ANYTHING I SHOULD DO TO PREPARE?
No worries there Patty understands Japanese
WELL, I GUESS IT'S OKAY. BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN EXPLAIN TOO WELL
My English grammar's terrible

ON THE OTHER HAND, I DOUBT SHE'D ENJOY IT MUCH. SO YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE TO COME
Especially if that's the only reason you're coming over!
Why can't you actually take in some culture?
Hm... Not really Aside from getting the miko costume ready

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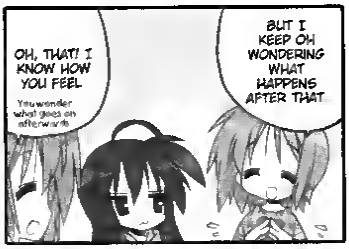
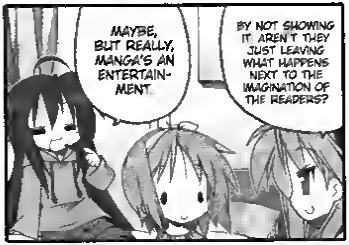
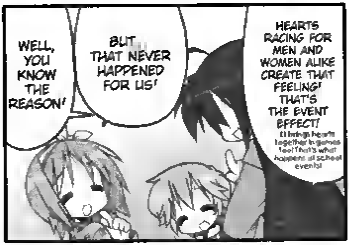
ONCE SOMEBODY CONFESSES THEIR LOVE AND THE TWO BECOME A COUPLE, THEN THE WHOLE STORY IS OVER, RIGHT?
COME TO THINK OF IT, IN MANGA...

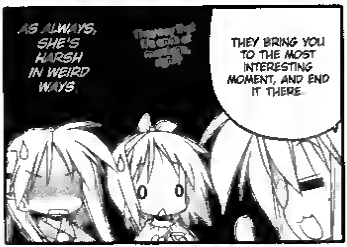
LISTEN TO HER! SHE'S RIGHT, YOU TWO!
OH, WILL YOU STOP WITH THAT?!
I'M HAPPY THAT YOU'RE HAVING FUN, BUT YOU COULD INVITE BOYS OVER EVERY NOW AND AGAIN.
We've come to visit!
Welcome to your friend's izumiko-san!

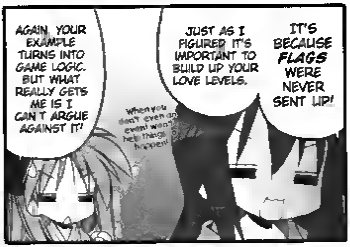

OH, THAT! I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL
You wonder what goes on afterwards
BUT I KEEP OH WONDERING WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THAT

I GUESS THOSE THINGS HAPPEN, HUH?
SPEAKING OF EVENTS THERE WERE THOSE PEOPLE WE SUDDENLY MADE FRIENDS WITH DURING THE ARTS FESTIVAL!
YOU KNOW WE NEVER DID HAVE THAT EVENT WHERE WE CONFESSED OUR LOVES!
We had that happen, too!

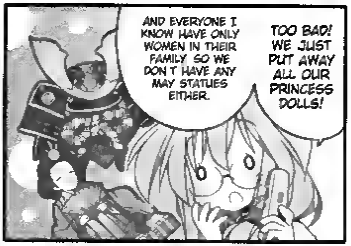

MAYBE, BUT REALLY, MANGA'S AN ENTERTAIN-MENT.
BY NOT SHOWING IT, AREN'T THEY JUST LEAVING WHAT HAPPENS NEXT TO THE IMAGINATION OF THE READERS?

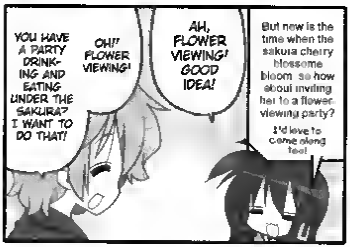

WELL, YOU KNOW THE REASON!
BUT... THAT NEVER HAPPENED FOR US!
HEARTS RACING FOR MEN AND WOMEN ALIKE CREATE THAT FEELING! THAT'S THE EVENT EFFECT!
(Linking hearts together is famous too! That's what happens at school events!)

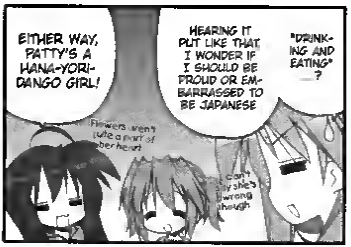

AS ALWAYS, SHE'S HARSH IN WEIRD WAYS.
THEY BRING YOU TO THE MOST INTERESTING MOMENT, AND END IT THERE.


AGAIN, YOUR EXAMPLE TURNS INTO GAME LOGIC. BUT WHAT REALLY GETS ME IS I CAN'T ARGUE AGAINST IT!
JUST AS I FIGURED IT'S IMPORTANT TO BUILD UP YOUR LOVE LEVELS.
When you don't even go event with to help things happen!
IT'S BECAUSE FLAGS WERE NEVER SENT UP!

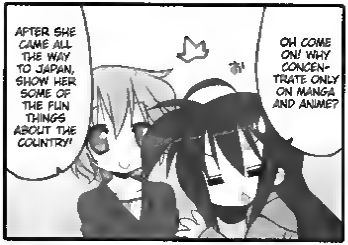
an objective image

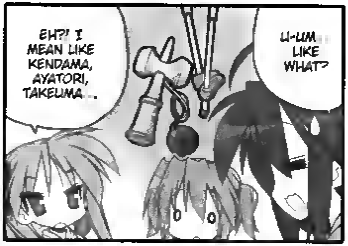

AND EVERYONE I KNOW HAVE ONLY WOMEN IN THEIR FAMILY. SO WE DON'T HAVE ANY MAY STATUES EITHER.
TOO BAD! WE JUST PUT AWAY ALL OUR PRINCESS DOLLS!

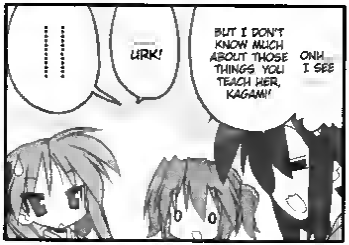

YOU HAVE A PARTY DRINKING AND EATING UNDER THE SAKURA? I WANT TO DO THAT!
OH!! FLOWER VIEWING!
AH, FLOWER VIEWING! GOOD IDEA!
But now is the time when the sakura cherry blossoms bloom, so how about inviting her to a flower viewing party?
I'd love to come along too!

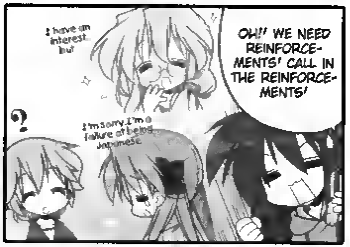

EITHER WAY, PATTY'S A HANA-YORI-DANGO GIRL!
HEARING IT PUT LIKE THAT, I WONDER IF I SHOULD BE PROUD OR EMBARRASSED TO BE JAPANESE
"DRINKING AND EATING"—?
Flowers aren't quite a part of her heart
...she's wrong though

in name only


AFTER SHE CAME ALL THE WAY TO JAPAN, SHOW HER SOME OF THE FUN THINGS ABOUT THE COUNTRY!
OH COME ON! WHY CONCENTRATE ONLY ON MANGA AND ANIME?







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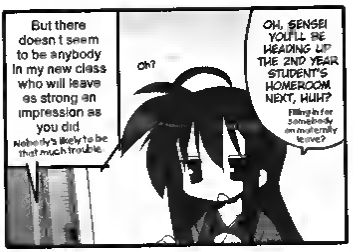
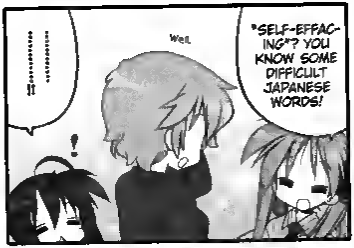
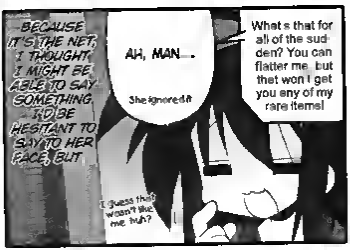
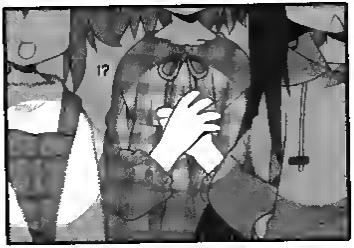

But there doesn't seem to be anybody in my new class who will leave as strong an impression as you did
Nobody's likely to be that much trouble.
Oh?
OH, SENSEI! YOU'LL BE HEADING UP THE 2ND YEAR STUDENT'S HOMEROOM NEXT, HUH?
Filling in for somebody on maternity leave?

EVERY-BODY'S SO SELF-EFFACING! YOU'RE ALL SO CUTE!
IT'S A WHOLE LOT OF FUN!
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE USED TO THINGS HERE. WHAT ARE YOU FEELINGS ABOUT JAPAN?

Ah ha ha! Well I think it was great to have you as my home-room teacher, Sensei!
Ah?
BUT I CAN GET PRETTY ANGRY SO THEY'RE PROBABLY QUIVERING IN THEIR BOOTS!




BECAUSE IT'S THE NET, I THOUGHT I MIGHT BE ABLE TO SAY SOMETHING, TO BE HESITANT TO SAY TO HER FACE, BUT
AH, MAN...
She ignored it!
What's that for all of the sud-den? You can flatter me, but that won't get you any of my rare items!
I guess that wasn't the one, huh?



GOOD THING THIS IS THE NET, SO SHE CAN'T SEE MY FACE RIGHT NOW...!!
WHY DID THAT LITTLE IDIOT GO AND SAY THAT FOR?
Now she's brought back memories of graduation!
Aw darn LOL
SNIFF
SNIFF
WHAAA

We need revenge!
BWAAHH
?
OH!? WE NEED REINFORCE-MENTS! CALL IN THE REIN-FORCEMENTS!
We have to give the little girl some-thing to look at!!

• Hiyori Tamura

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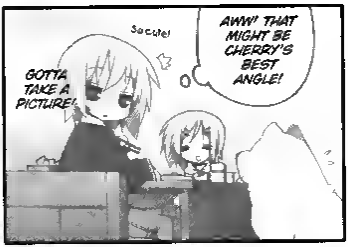
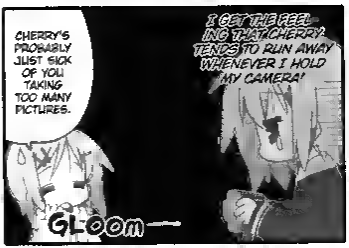
field of flowers




CHERRY'S PROBABLY JUST SICK OF YOU TAKING TOO MANY PICTURES.
I GET THE FEELING THAT CHERRY TENDS TO RUN AWAY WHENEVER I HOLD MY CAMERA!
GLOOM—

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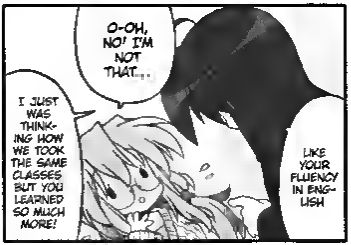
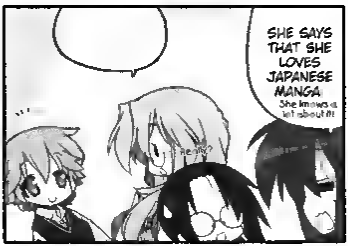
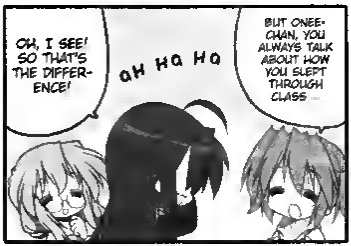
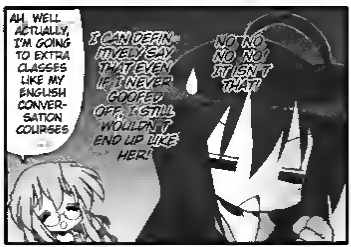
amplification effect

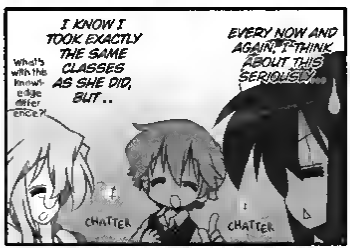
power to absorb

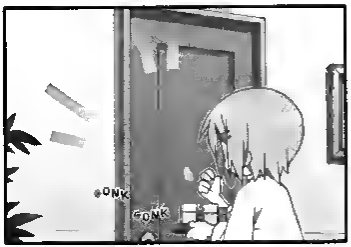

O-OH, NO! I'M NOT THAT...
I JUST WAS THINK-ING HOW WE TOOK THE SAME CLASSES BUT YOU LEARNED SO MUCH MORE!
LIKE YOUR FLUENCY IN ENG-LISH






AH, WELL ACTUALLY, I'M GOING TO EXTRA CLASSES LIKE MY ENGLISH CONVER-SATION COURSES
I CAN DEFIN-ITIVELY SAY THAT EVEN IF I NEVER GOOFED OFF, I STILL WOULDN'T END UP LIKE HER!
NO NO NO NO, IT ISN'T THAT!


I KNOW I TOOK EXACTLY THE SAME CLASSES AS SHE DID, BUT..
EVERY NOW AND AGAIN, I THINK ABOUT THIS SERIOUSLY.
What's with this knowl-edge differ-ence?!
CHATTER
CHATTER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IT SURE IS LIVELY IN HERE!
KACHAK
Twitch

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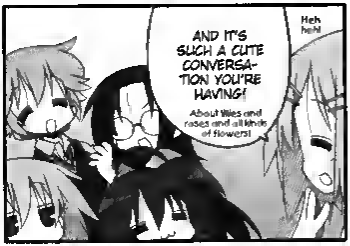
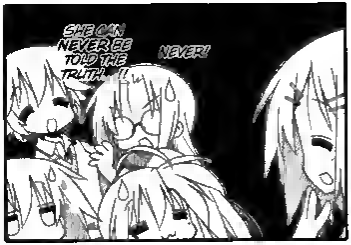
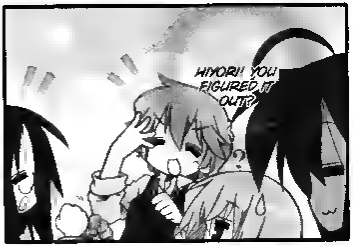

AND IT'S SUCH A CUTE CONVERSATION YOU'RE HAVING!
About lilies and roses and all kinds of flowers!
Heh heh


SHE CAN NEVER BE TOLD THE TRUTH...!!
NEVER!


HIMORI! YOU FIGURED IT OUT?!
?

- Patricia Martin

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YOU CAN'T WORRY ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT IN A GAME!
REALLY! HOW MANY TIMES A DAY DO THEY EAT?!
I don't care how much exercise they get
GSH

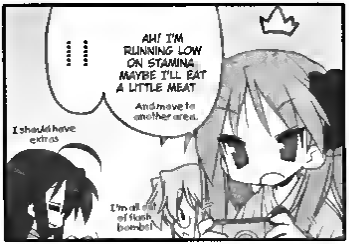
AH! BUT THERE WAS A GAME I PLAYED ON THE NET THAT HAD A PERSON'S BODY TYPE CHANGE!

THAT'S AMAZING!
REALLY? THEY ACTUALLY HAVE THOSE?
IN THAT ONE, IF YOU ATE, YOU ACTUALLY GOT FAT!

WHAT? DID YOU SCREW UP ANOTHER DIET?
BUT I DON'T WANT TO PLAY ANY GAMES THAT PUTS MORE PRESSURE ON ME THAN I ALREADY PUT ON MYSELF.
Then what do you want?

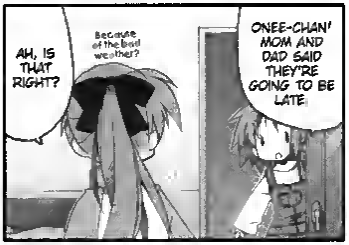
OH, DEAR! I CAN'T GO FORGETTING THE CAT FOOD!
JAN-JA-JAN JA JA JA
We got a quest you know!

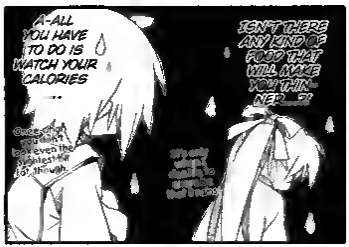
I'M EATING THE HERBAL REMEDIES SO I CAN'T EAT THAT STUFF
LET'S SEE MEAT MEAT I DON'T REALLY NEED A VICTORY DANCE, DO I?
And suddenly the Thassaian appeared!


AH! I'M RUNNING LOW ON STAMINA MAYBE I'LL EAT A LITTLE MEAT
And move to another area.
I should have extras
I'm all out of flash bombs!

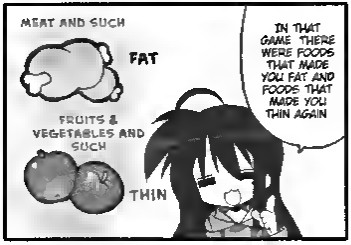
HEY! KAGAMI IT'D BE NICE IF YOU CAME BACK AND JOINED US AGAIN!
TO EAT ALL THESE KINDS OF MEATS AND NOT GAIN ANY WEIGHT THAT'S A GAME FOR YOU, HUH?
GLOOm
What are you so distracted about?

a heartfelt hope




A-ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS WATCH YOUR CALORIES ...
Because you don't have even the slightest idea of what's good for you!
ISN'T THERE ANY KIND OF FOOD THAT WILL MAKE YOU THIN, NEE...?!
It's not what you eat, it's how much!

lonely reality


MEAT AND SUCH
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FRUITS & VEGETABLES AND SUCH
THIN
IN THAT GAME THERE WERE FOODS THAT MADE YOU FAT AND FOODS THAT MADE YOU THIN AGAIN

CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING WITH YOUR USELESS OLDER SISTER?
TO EAT AND STILL LOSE WEIGHT! IT MUST BE NICE LIVING IN A GAME!
In reality, you have to exercise or everything you eat will make you fat!
BWAAAH

• Izumi Wakase

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the typhoon passes

FOR SOME REASON, YOU SEEM TO GET YOUR STUFF USED A LOT.
It's there all right!
HA HA HA! I'M JUST BEING GUIDED BY THE LIGHT OF A "STAR OF LUCK"!

I KNOW I SHOULDN'T BE ASKING THIS, BUT BY WHAT YARDSTICK DO THEY FIGURE OUT WHAT GETS USED AND WHAT DOESN'T?
Of course, every creator thinks theirs is the best.
I GUESS EVERYBODY HAS THEIR OWN IDEAS ON WHAT MAKES A GOOD DESIGN AND WHAT DOESN'T

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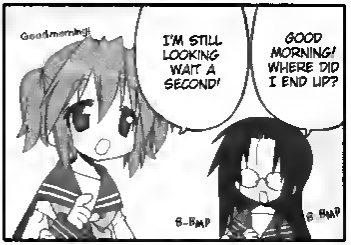
HA HA HA! WHY PERISH THE THOUGHT!
AND YOU'RE SO CUTE! I'M JEALOUS!
OH MARTIN-SAN! YOUR JAPANESE IS SO GOOD!

I'M IN YOUR CLASS, MINAMI-CHAN! PATTY-CHAN'S IN THE SAME CLASS TOO!
CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

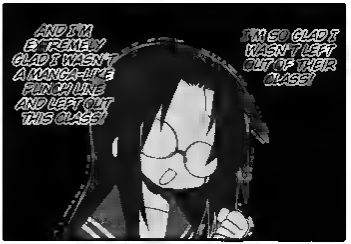
THAT MAKES ME SO HAPPY!
BUT REALLY! EVERYBODY'S IN UNIFORM


Goodmorning!
I'M STILL LOOKING WAIT A SECOND!
GOOD MORNING! WHERE DID I END UP?
S-SHIP
S-SHIP

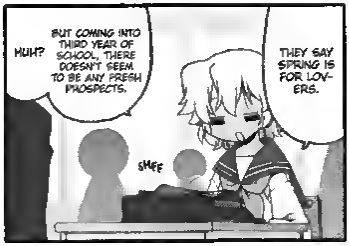
YOU GOT IT!
REALLY? THEN I GUESS JK FASHION HAS SPREAD ALL OVER THE WORLD, HUH?
FLIP

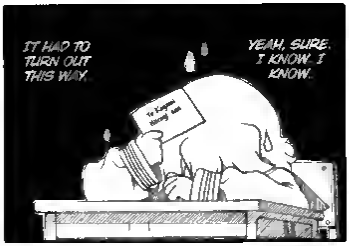
PAAAA
TH-THIS IS GREAT!

THAT BOTH OF THEM ARE MISSING THE NUANCE OF WHAT THE OTHER IS SAYING.
I HAVE THE FEELING...

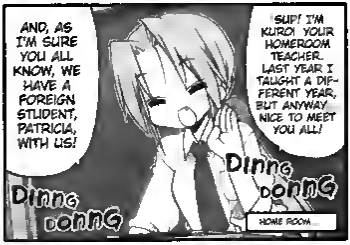

AND I'M EXTREMELY GLAD I WASN'T A MANGA-LIKE PUNCH LINE AND LEFT OUT THIS CLASS!
I'M SO GLAD I WASN'T LEFT OUT OF THEIR CLASS!

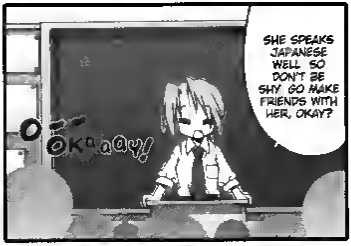
spring is the season for...

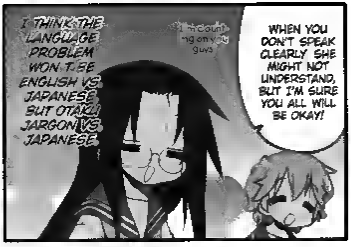




one from a foreign culture


AND, AS I'M SURE YOU ALL KNOW, WE HAVE A FOREIGN STUDENT, PATRICIA, WITH US!
DINNG DONNG
'SUP! I'M KURO! YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER. LAST YEAR I TAUGHT A DIFFERENT YEAR, BUT ANYWAY NICE TO MEET YOU ALL!
DINNG DONNG
HOME ROOM




I THINK THE LANGUAGE PROBLEM WON'T BE ENGLISH VS. JAPANESE, BUT OTAKU JARGON VS. JAPANESE.
WHEN YOU DON'T SPEAK CLEARLY SHE MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND, BUT I'M SURE YOU ALL WILL BE OKAY!

- Fuyuki Amahara
- Nanako Kuroi
- Hikaru Sakuraba

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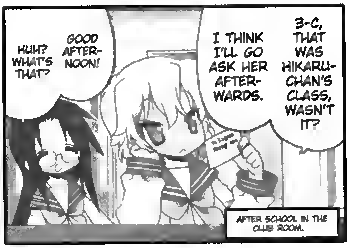
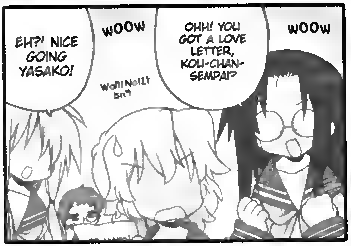
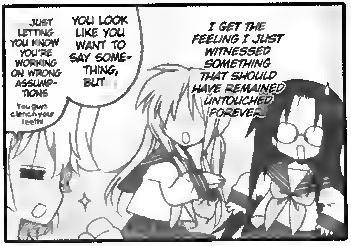
time bomb


HUH? WHAT'S THAT?
GOOD AFTER-NOON!
I THINK I'LL GO ASK HER AFTER-WARDS.
3-C, THAT WAS HIKARU-CHAN'S CLASS, WASN'T IT?
AFTER SCHOOL IN THE CLUB ROOM.




JUST LETTING YOU KNOW YOU'RE WORKING ON WRONG ASSUMP-TIONS
You don't clench your teeth
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU WANT TO SAY SOME-THING, BUT
I GET THE FEELING I JUST WITNESSED SOMETHING THAT SHOULD HAVE REMAINED UNTOUCHED FOREVER...

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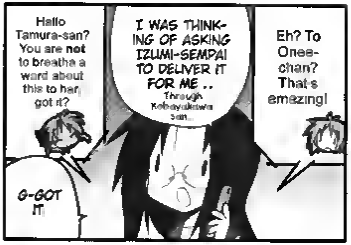
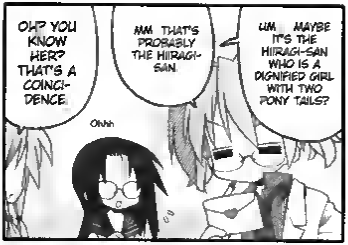
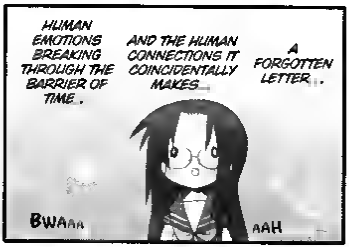

Hallo Tamura-san? You are not to breatha a word about this to her, got it?
I WAS THINKING OF ASKING IZUMI-SEMPAI TO DELIVER IT FOR ME..
Through Kobayakawa san.
Eh? To Onee-chan? That's amezing!
G-GOT IT!


OH? YOU KNOW HER? THAT'S A COINCIDENCE.
MM. THAT'S PROBABLY THE HIIRAGI-SAN.
UM... MAYBE IT'S THE HIIRAGI-SAN WHO IS A DIGNIFIED GIRL WITH TWO PONY TAILS?
Ohhh

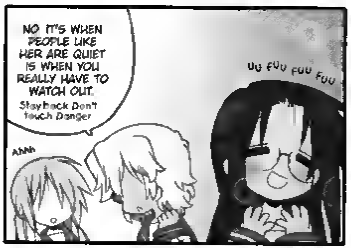
O-OH, THANK YOU
ONEE-CHAN TAMURA-SAN HANDED THIS TO ME TODAY
THE NEXT DAY...


HUMAN EMOTIONS BREAKING THROUGH THE BARRIER OF TIME.
AND THE HUMAN CONNECTIONS IT COINCIDENTALLY MAKES...
A FORGOTTEN LETTER..
BWAAA
AAH

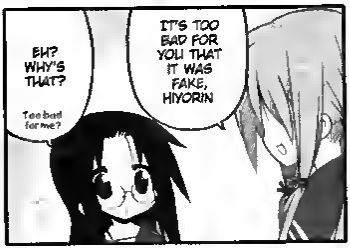
AND I THOUGHT I'D WRITE IN THIS LETTER THE THINGS I DIDN'T DARE TO SAY ALOUD
KAGAMI-SAN, I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU ALL THROUGH OUR THIRD YEAR!!
ZWAAA
ZWAAA

I FIGURED SHE'D BE DANCING FOR JOY BUT HIYORIN IS TAKING THIS LIKE A GROWNUP
I thought she liked this kind of thing.
THEN LET'S JUST HAVE HIYORI GIVE IT TO HER THEN.

Hurry and open it up!
GRIN SMILE SMILE GRIN
S-SOMEHOW JUST HOLDING THIS MAKES ME EXCITED
YOU KNOW THEY'RE EXACTLY THE SAME TYPE AS KONATA...


NO. IT'S WHEN PEOPLE LIKE HER ARE QUIET IS WHEN YOU REALLY HAVE TO WATCH OUT.
Stay Back Don't Touch Danger
Ahhh
Uu fuu fuu fuu

BUT I THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE FOR HIIRAGI
IT CERTAINLY WAS POSSIBLE FOR HIIRAGI TO GET A REAL ONE.
SO THAT LETTER WAS JUST A FAKE?

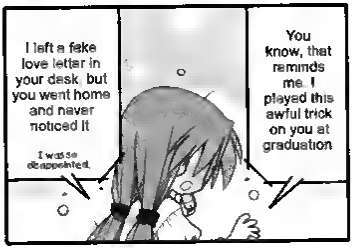

EH? WHY'S THAT?
Too bad for me?
IT'S TOO BAD FOR YOU THAT IT WAS FAKE, HIYORIN

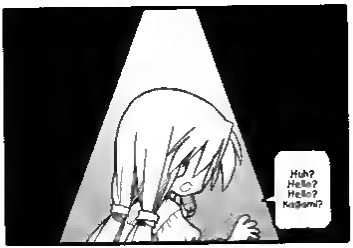
AHH NO IT'S PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT
I MEAN, HERE WAS SOMETHING THAT WOULD HAVE MADE A PERFECT MOTIF FOR A MANGA

THERE'S NO NEED FOR EVERYTHING TO BE REAL TO MAKE IT INTO A MANGA!!
All need to do is refashion it so it has a happy end!

AH HA HA! BY THE WAY, KAGAMI YOU SEEM IN A PRETTY GOOD MOOD TODAY, HUH?
And they had us doing work right on the first day of classes

N-- NO, NO, NO, NO! NOTHING LIKE THAT!
Could it be that Spring has come to you at college?
B-BMP


I left a fake love letter in your desk, but you went home and never noticed it
I was so disappointed.
You know, that reminds me. I played this awful trick on you at graduation


Huh? Hello? Hello? Kagami?

• Yui Narumi

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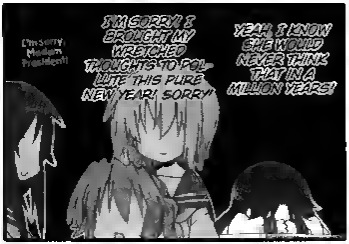
nostalgic place

YEAAAAAH, SURE.
I guess the student body president looks after every body, huh?
STOP THAT! I KNOW YOU DON'T MEAN ANY OFFENSE BUT YOU SHOULDN'T GO AROUND CALLING PEOPLE SHORT
It's a thing people just hung up on

I NEVER EXPECTED A RIVAL TO SHOW UP!!
THAT PERSON JUST TOOK THE POSITION I'VE HELD UP TO NOW
Sorry to butt in, but
Thank you so much!


I'm sorry Madam President!
I'M SORRY! I BROUGHT MY WRETCHED THOUGHTS TO POL- LUTE THIS PURE NEW YEAR! SORRY!
YEAH, I KNOW! SHE WOULD NEVER THINK THAT IN A MILLION YEARS!

It looks like the real person is finally home!

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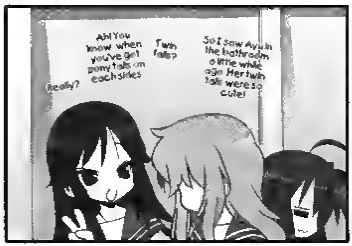
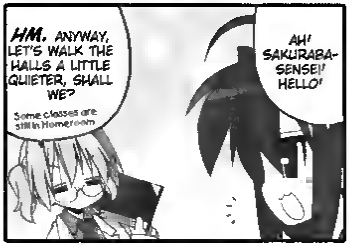
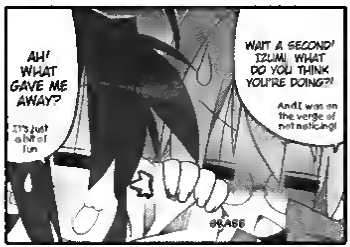
hiding your head but leaving your butt exposed


Really?
Ah! You know when you've got pony tails on each sides
Twin tails?
So I saw Ayu in the bathroom a little while ago. Her twin tails were so cute!

THERE ARE A LOT OF THEM OUT THERE!
ENTER A CLOSETED OTAKU WHO DOESN'T REALIZE SHE'S USING OTAKU JARGON.
PIKITIN
I smell another of my kind

inspection

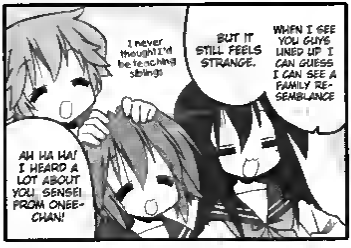


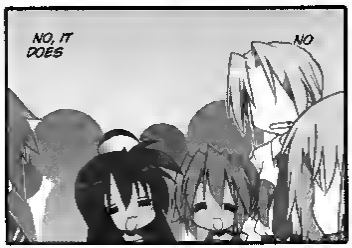

AH! WHAT GAVE ME AWAY?
It's just a bit of fun
WAIT A SECOND! IZUMI, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
And I was on the verge of not noticing!
GLARE

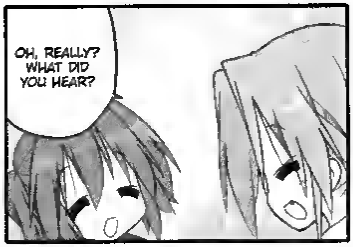
It's Kobayakawa with older sister?
BUT YOU REALLY DO SOME WEIRD THINGS!
Coming here in uniform!

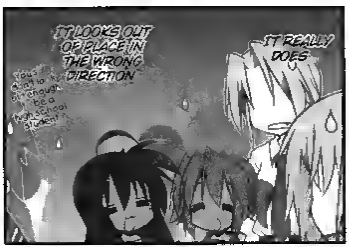
ONEE-CHAN?!
HI THERE, SENSEI!
And to Yu-chan and friends!
IZU-MI?

SO IT DOESN'T LOOK OUT-OF-PLACE ON ME RIGHT?
BUT, HEY! I JUST GRADU-ATED!
TADaa
aaH

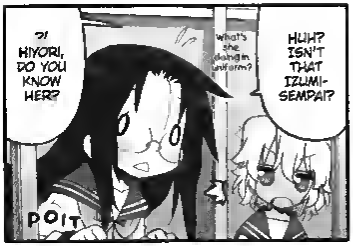

I never thought I'd be teaching siblings!
BUT IT STILL FEELS STRANGE.
WHEN I SEE YOU GUYS LINED UP I CAN GUESS I CAN SEE A FAMILY RE-SEMBLANCE
AH HA HA! I HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU, SENSEI FROM ONEE-CHAN!

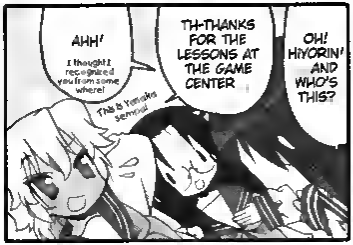

NO, IT DOES
NO


OH, REALLY? WHAT DID YOU HEAR?

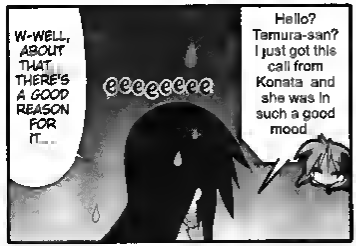

IT LOOKS OUT OF PLACE IN THE WRONG DIRECTION
IT REALLY DOES
You used to be so cute as a high school student

THERE I GO AGAIN!


?! HIYORI, DO YOU KNOW HER?
What's she doing in uniform?
HUH? ISN'T THAT IZUMI-SEMPAI?
POIT


AHH!
I thought I recognized you from some where!
This is Yoroiko semnai!
TH-THANKS FOR THE LESSONS AT THE GAME CENTER
OH! HIYORIN! AND WHO'S THIS?

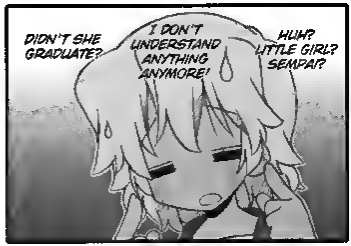
!?
Ahh
HM? IZUMI? THEN SEMPAI YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WROTE THAT LOVE LETTER?
I should say the alleged criminal?
Oh?

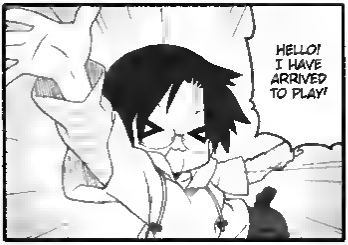

W-WELL, ABOUT THAT THERE'S A GOOD REASON FOR IT...
eeeeeeee
Hello? Tamura-san? I just got this call from Konata and she was in such a good mood

HM?

Now where to go next?
OH! ISN'T THAT THE LITTLE GIRL FROM THE GAME CENTER?

HM? NOTHING IT'S ONLY THAT I JUST SAW THE GIRL FROM THE GAME CENTER WHO'S SO GOOD AT GAMES
SEMPAI, WHAT'S THE MATTER?


DIDN'T SHE GRADUATE?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING ANYMORE!
HUH? LITTLE GIRL? SEMPAI?


HELLO! I HAVE ARRIVED TO PLAY!

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TMP
TMP

AND SINCE I CAN'T SPEAK ANY BETTER THAN MIDDLE-SCHOOL-LEVEL ENGLISH, IT WAS A PRETTY BIG SURPRISE
AHHH! FOR A SECOND I THOUGHT I WAS IN THE WRONG HOUSE
AH! ONEE-SAN, WELCOME!
It shocked me
nearly to death!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF PUNISHMENT AWAITS YOU IF YOU'RE TRYING TO LEAVE?
ONEE-SAN, IF YOU COULD ACTUALLY PRONOUNCE IT, THAT WAS A PRETTY RUDE THING TO SAY
ANYWAY, LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN. "HWAT IZU DISU?"
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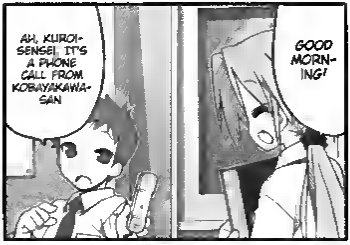
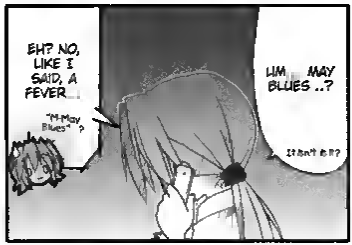

AH, KURO!-SENSEI. IT'S A PHONE CALL FROM KOBAYAKAWA-SAN
GOOD MORNING!

Ah Sensei! I'm so sorry! I need to take a sick day today
I have a slight fever
OH, KOBAYAKAWA WHAT'S UP?

I'VE GOT MAY BLUES, SO I'M TAKING THE DAY OFF! CHECK


EH? NO, LIKE I SAID, A FEVER...
"M-May Blues"?
LIM... MAY BLUES ..?
It isn't it??

- Kanata Izumi
- Soujirou Izumi

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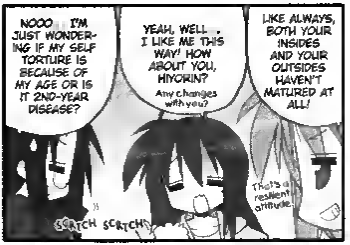
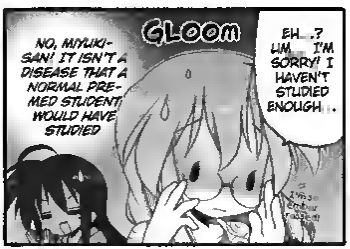
episode 200 that part which does not change

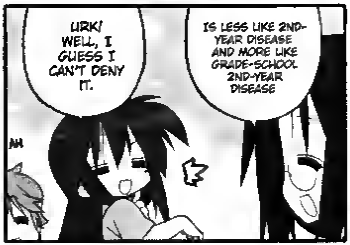

NOOO... I'M JUST WONDER-ING IF MY SELF TORTURE IS BECAUSE OF MY AGE OR IS IT 2ND-YEAR DISEASE?
YEAH, WELL... I LIKE ME THIS WAY! HOW ABOUT YOU, HIYORI?
Any changes with you?
LIKE ALWAYS, BOTH YOUR INSIDES AND YOUR OUTSIDES HAVEN'T MATURED AT ALL!
That's a resilient attitude.
SCRATCH SCRATCH

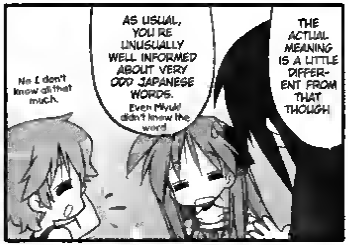

GLOOM
NO, MIYUKI-SAN! IT ISN'T A DISEASE THAT A NORMAL PRE-MED STUDENT WOULD HAVE STUDIED
EH...? UM... I'M SORRY! I HAVEN'T STUDIED ENOUGH...
I'm so sorry for your trouble...

● Comptiq, July 2009 issue

AS FAR AS I KNOW, IZUMI-SEMPAI..
BUT..

"Uh" ?
IT'S LIKE US, WHEN OTHERS SEE US AS DOING DUMB THINGS AND BUYING DUMB STUFF

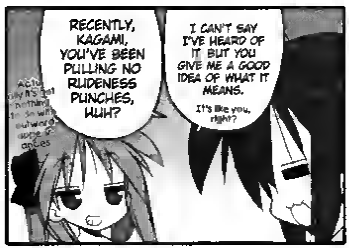

URK! WELL, I GUESS I CAN'T DENY IT.
IS LESS LIKE 2ND-YEAR DISEASE AND MORE LIKE GRADE-SCHOOL 2ND-YEAR DISEASE
AH


No I don't know all that much.
AS USUAL, YOU'RE UNUSUALLY WELL INFORMED ABOUT VERY ODD JAPANESE WORDS.
Even Miyu! didn't know the word!
THE ACTUAL MEANING IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM THAT THOUGH

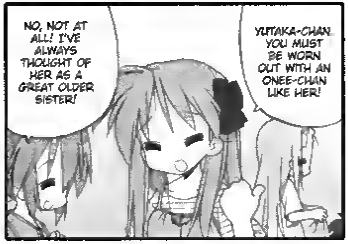
AH, YES? WHAT IS IT?
SAY, YUKI-CHAN!
Your image is somehow keeps getting closer to that idea, huh, Shorty
GAH

WHEN IT'S A LITTLE GIRL, IT CAN ALSO BE CALLED 6TH-YEAR DISEASE
Oho?
You never heard of it?

HAVEN'T YOU BEEN FOLLOWING THIS CONVERSATION?
NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK WHAT GRADE-SCHOOL 2ND-YEAR DISEASE IS.


RECENTLY, KAGAMI, YOU'VE BEEN PULLING NO RUDENESS PUNCHES, HUH?
I CAN'T SAY I'VE HEARD OF IT BUT YOU GIVE ME A GOOD IDEA OF WHAT IT MEANS.
It's like you, right?

SCHUOOR
AH! IZUMI-CHAN IS ASLEEP!

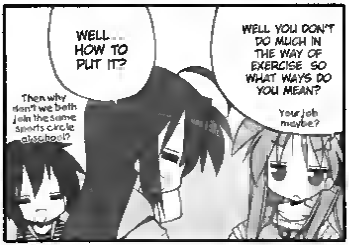

NO, NOT AT ALL! I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF HER AS A GREAT OLDER SISTER!
YUTAKA-CHAN, YOU MUST BE WORN OUT WITH AN ONEE-CHAN LIKE HER!

I'M EVEN MORE CONVINCED OF IT SEEING HOW MANY PEOPLE TOOK THE TIME TO COME!
AND SINCE WE'RE HAVING A PARTY FOR HER AND TAMURA-SAN...

IS BE-CAUSE SHE HAS SUCH WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO LIKE HER FOR WHAT SHE IS.
WHOLE REASON SHE CAN BE KONATA
SO
I SEE
Here's a present!
She sure is blessed.

BUT THERE ARE PARTS OF ME THAT HAVE DEFINITELY CHANGED
YOU MAY SAY THAT I HAVEN'T CHANGED ON THE OUTSIDE OR INSIDE...

I MEAN I CAN'T HOLD BACK THE YEARS
WELL I DON'T NECES-SARILY MEAN IN A GOOD WAY
HO? WHAT SORT OF PARTS DO YOU MEAN?
GUARD!!


WELL... HOW TO PUT IT?
WELL YOU DON'T DO MUCH IN THE WAY OF EXERCISE SO WHAT WAYS DO YOU MEAN?
Then why don't we both join the same sports circle, class-mate!?
Your job maybe?

ISN'T IT JUST THAT ALL THE YEARS OF SLEEP DEPRIVATION HAS SIMPLY CAUGHT UP TO YOU?
And I'm still sleepy now
I REALLY WANT TO GO BACK TO THE DAYS WHEN I COULD PLAY A NET GAME UNTIL MORNING WITHOUT A PROBLEM!
After all these all-night game sessions, it can be pretty dangerous afterwards!
Get some sleep!

- Miki Hiiragi
- Matsuri Hiiragi
- Inori Hiiragi
- Tadao Hiiragi

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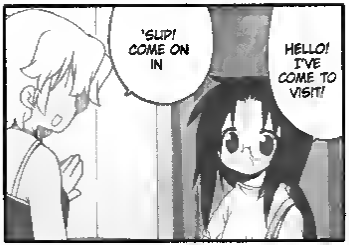
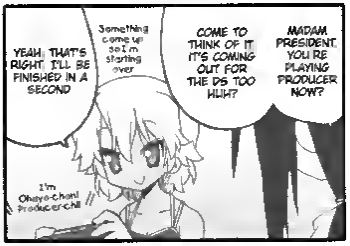
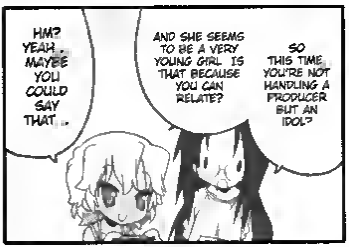
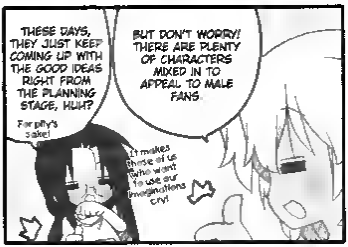
their summer

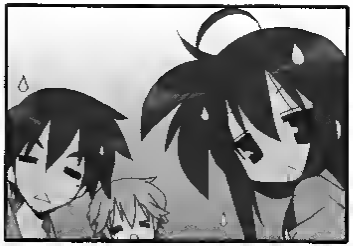


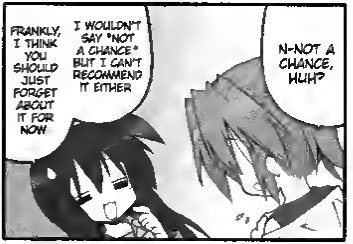

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT. I'LL BE FINISHED IN A SECOND
Something came up so I'm starting over
COME TO THINK OF IT IT'S COMING OUT FOR THE DS TOO HUH?
MADAM PRESIDENT, YOU'RE PLAYING PRODUCER NOW?
I'm Ohayo-chan! Producer-ch!


HM? YEAH... MAYBE YOU COULD SAY THAT...
AND SHE SEEMS TO BE A VERY YOUNG GIRL. IS THAT BECAUSE YOU CAN RELATE?
SO THIS TIME, YOU'RE NOT HANDLING A PRODUCER BUT AN IDOL?


THESE DAYS, THEY JUST KEEP COMING UP WITH THE GOOD IDEAS RIGHT FROM THE PLANNING STAGE, HUH?
BUT DON'T WORRY! THERE ARE PLENTY OF CHARACTERS MIXED IN TO APPEAL TO MALE FANS.
For pity's sake!
It makes those of us who want to use our imaginations cry!

● Comptiq, September 2009 issue

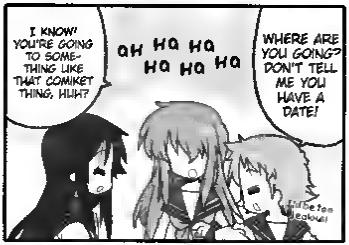



FRANKLY, I THINK YOU SHOULD JUST FORGET ABOUT IT FOR NOW
I WOULDN'T SAY "NOT A CHANCE" BUT I CAN'T RECOMMEND IT EITHER
N-NOT A CHANCE, HUH?

EH? BUT ONEE-CHAN, YOU ALWAYS GO EVERY YEAR WITH A BIG SMILE ON YOUR FACE!
THAT NORMAL HUMAN BEINGS GO FOR A GOOD TIME!!
SUMMER COMIKET ISN'T SOMETHING

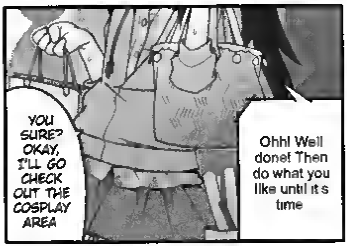
DON'T GO OVER-BOARD ON THE FUN, OKAY?
OKAY, I KNOW IT'S GONNA BE SUMMER VACATION, BUT ..

AH! I'M SORRY! I ALREADY HAD PLANS TO GO SOMEWHERE THAT DAY!
IZUMI!! THAT AUGUST FIREWORKS DISPLAY I TALKED TO YOU ABOUT EARLIER...

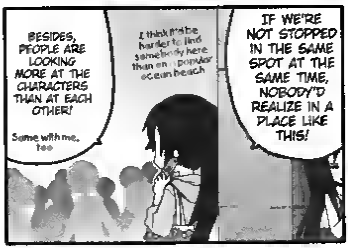

I KNOW! YOU'RE GOING TO SOME-THING LIKE THAT COMIKET THING, HUH?
AH HA HA HA HA HA
WHERE ARE YOU GOING? DON'T TELL ME YOU HAVE A DATE!
Eh?Seto-kun Besides!

IT ISN'T LIKE MY SECRET GOT OUT, RIGHT?
MUMBLE MUMBLE
SHE WAS JUST MAKING A JOKE, RIGHT?

a wave of 180,000



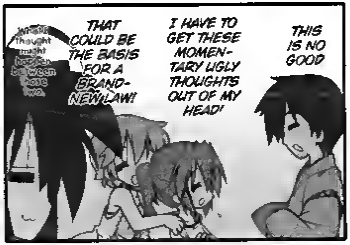
People who might be here
But I know you try to keep this stuff quiet, right? Are you sure coming here was a good idea?
EH ...?
That wouldn't be good.
It'd be bad if you met somebody you know, right?


BESIDES, PEOPLE ARE LOOKING MORE AT THE CHARACTERS THAN AT EACH OTHER!
Same with me, too
I think it'd be harder to find somebody here than on a popular ocean beach
IF WE'RE NOT STOPPED IN THE SAME SPOT AT THE SAME TIME, NOBODY'D REALIZE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!

fixed route

B-BUT WITH EVERYBODY GONE, IT'LL BE LONELY HERE BY MYSELF!
BUT IF YOU DON'T HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO BUY, IT'S JUST HELL
IN OUR CASE, THERE ARE THINGS WE WANT THERE THAT WE'RE WILLING TO ENTER THE JAWS OF DEATH TO GET.
A big no-pain-no-gain place!

EH ...? BUT...
THEN HOW ABOUT I STAY HERE WITH YOU THAT DAY?
I'll just ask friends to buy the books I want for me.
It may be no fun with an old man, but
AH HA HA! THAT'S TRUE



two people stopped in the same place at the same time

AND I DIDN'T HAVE TO STAND IN ANY HOR-RENDOUS LINES! TODAY IS JUST A GOOD DAY!
It'll be great if the next circle's stuff was good too!
YAAY! TODAY I WAS ABLE TO BUY EVERY-THING I WANTED TO BUY!
SO PLEASED

honey trap

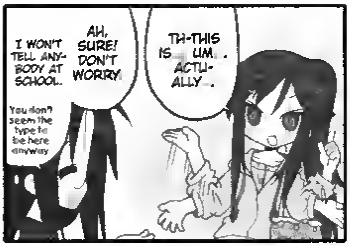
Why don't you look through the catalog and check out the table of a circle that looks good?
MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE GONE TO THE COS-PLAY AREA AFTER ALL BUT IT'S SO HOT THERE!

BUT HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I BEEN BETRAYED BY A GOOD-LOOKING CUT DRAWING?!
But it's true. There isn't any other way to evaluate them
Ah, this is a nice looking drawing maybe I'll visit them?
I JUST DON'T HAVE VERY HIGH EXPECTA-TIONS FOR ANY OF THEM.

- Yukari Takara
- Cherry
- Honoka Iwasaki

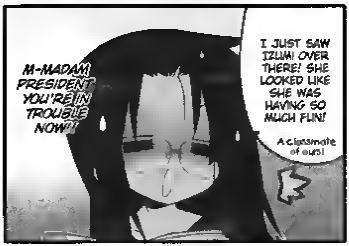
Lucky☆Star

episode 202
people going to and fro



NO PROBLEM. BUT... OH! PATTY-CHAN WILL BE COMING BACK SOON, THOUGH
Just tell me what you think in a text message or something
AH! I-I WILL!
Thank you so much
EH? AH... UM... EH...? R-REALLY?

WELL I CAUGHT SIGHT OF SOMEBODY!
WELCOME BACK NO NOTHING SPECIAL
I'M BACK DID ANYTHING INTERESTING HAPPEN?
OH
Oh I'm glad the books sold!
OH? DO TELL!
Sorry, All Sold Out.
A FEW MINUTES LATER

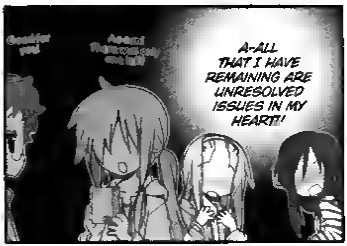

M-MADAM PRESIDENT YOU'RE IN TROUBLE NOW!!
I JUST SAW IZUMI OVER THERE! SHE LOOKED LIKE SHE WAS HAVING SO MUCH FUN!
A classmate of ours!

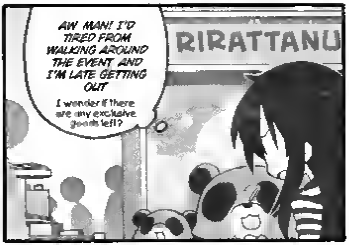
● Comptiq, October 2009 issue

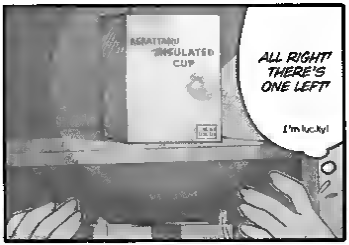
I REALLY WANT IT, BUT
GLANCE

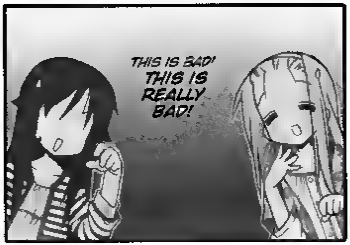
IF I GRAB IT NOW IT WOULDN'T BE NICE HUH?
GLANCE

Oh! There's one left!

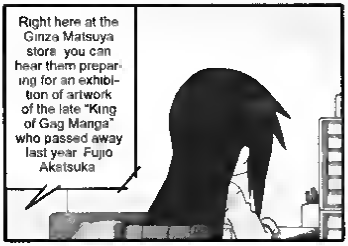

A-ALL THAT I HAVE REMAINING ARE UNRESOLVED ISSUES IN MY HEART!!


AW MAN! I'D TIRED FROM WALKING AROUND THE EVENT AND I'M LATE GETTING OUT
I wonder if there are any exclusive goods left?
RIRATTANU


RIRATTANU INSULATED CUP
ALL RIGHT! THERE'S ONE LEFT!
I'm lucky!

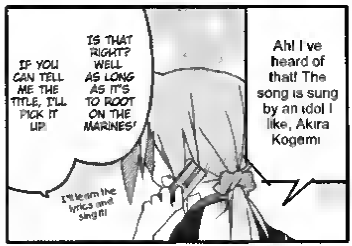

THIS IS BAD! THIS IS REALLY BAD!

BUT I MUST SAY, YOU SOUND PARTICULARLY ENERGETIC TODAY.
Yuu-chan and Patty are both at Yuu-chan's family home right now.
AH, SENSEI! HELLO! EH? YES, EVERYBODY'S DOING FINE
KLIK
KLIK


Right here at the Ginza Matsuya store you can hear them preparing for an exhibition of artwork of the late "King of Gag Manga" who passed away last year Fujio Akatsuka

AND WHEN RIIN-CHAN SINGS A SONG, IT JUST GETS EVERYBODY'S SPIRITS UP!
WA HA HA
YOU KNOW! IT'S SO FUN WHEN THEY WIN AN EASY ONE AT HOME!

It's set to open on the 26th and already old-time fans of his are...
SHEEH
SO ALREADY A YEAR HAS PASSED SINCE THE GREAT MASTER PASSED AWAY? It doesn't feel that long

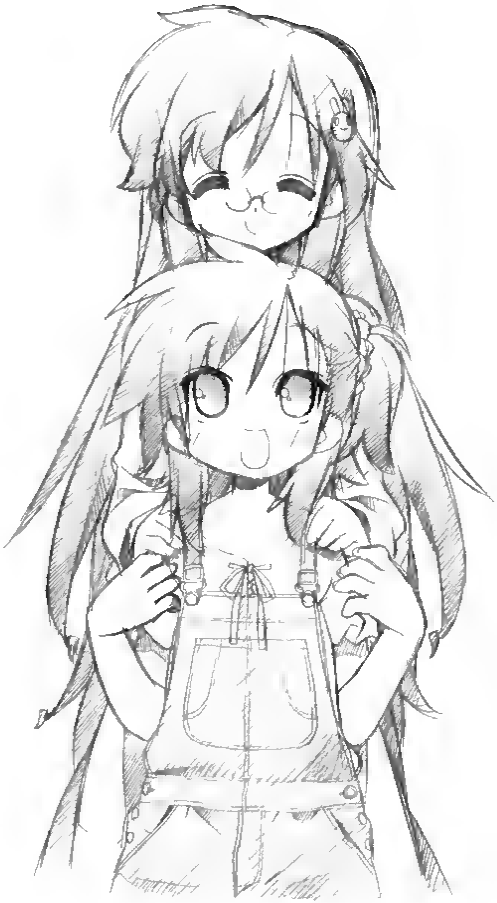

IF YOU CAN TELL ME THE TITLE, I'LL PICK IT UP!
IS THAT RIGHT? WELL AS LONG AS IT'S TO ROOT ON THE MARINES!
I'll learn the lyrics and sing it!
Ah! I've heard of that! The song is sung by an idol I like, Akira Kogemi

SKRATCH
SKRATCH

Th-the title's... "The Cape of Thirty Years".

He went, sheesh...
I GET THE FEELING THAT SOMEBODY WAS THERE WHO REALLY SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN!
MAYBE IT WAS JUST MY IMAGINATION.

- Hinata Miyagawa
- Hikage Miyagawa



AFTER THIS IS...
COOOOOMP...
aaaaaaace!!

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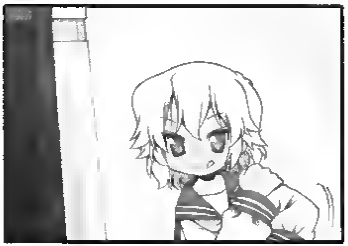
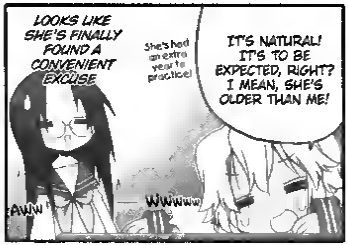
the tall nose...



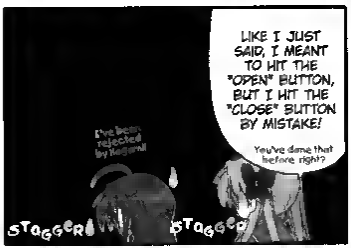

LOOKS LIKE SHE'S FINALLY FOUND A CONVENIENT EXCUSE
She's had an extra year to practice!
IT'S NATURAL! IT'S TO BE EXPECTED, RIGHT? I MEAN, SHE'S OLDER THAN ME!
AWW
WWWW

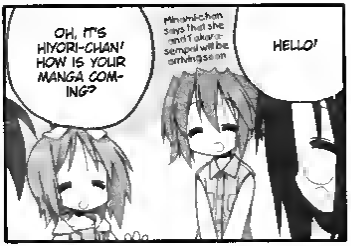
● Comp Ace, October 2008 issue

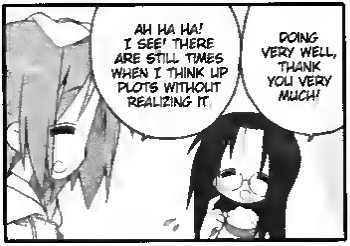
AH! KAGAMI! HOLD THE ELEVATOR, I WANT TO GET ON!
What a coincidence!
BLEVA TUNL

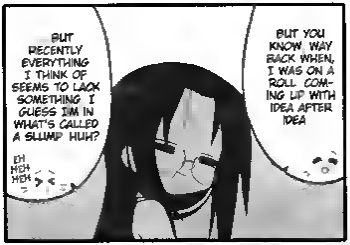
YEAH, I GUESS IF I GOTTA
Don't just stand there! Hurry up!
POCHIK

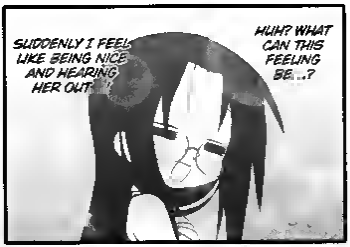
Zmmmmm—

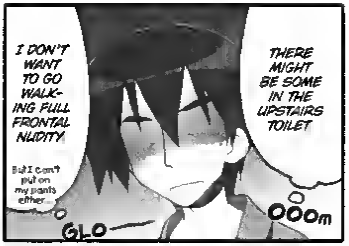

LIKE I JUST SAID, I MEANT TO HIT THE "OPEN" BUTTON, BUT I HIT THE "CLOSE" BUTTON BY MISTAKE!
You've done that before, right?
I've been rejected by Kagami
STAGGER
STAGGER


OH, IT'S HIYORI-CHAN! HOW IS YOUR MANGA COMING?
Minami-chan says that she can't always depend on Semperwill be announcement
HELLO!

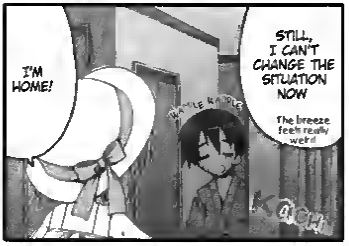

AH HA HA! I SEE! THERE ARE STILL TIMES WHEN I THINK UP PLOTS WITHOUT REALIZING IT!
DOING VERY WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

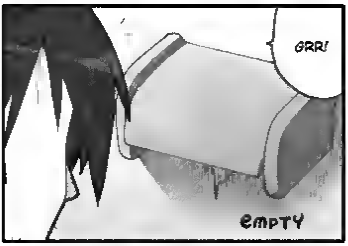

...BUT RECENTLY EVERYTHING I THINK OF SEEMS TO LACK SOMETHING. I GUESS IM IN WHAT'S CALLED A SLUMP HUH?
EH HEH HEH
BUT YOU KNOW WAY BACK WHEN, I WAS ON A ROLL COMING UP WITH IDEA AFTER IDEA

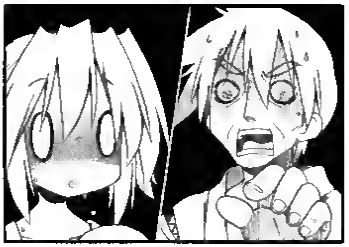

SUDDENLY I FEEL LIKE BEING NICE AND HEARING HER OUT...
HUH? WHAT CAN THIS FEELING BE...?


I DON'T WANT TO GO WALK-ING PULL FRONTAL NUDITY!
But I can't put on my pants either
GLO
THERE MIGHT BE SOME IN THE UPSTAIRS TOILET
OOOm

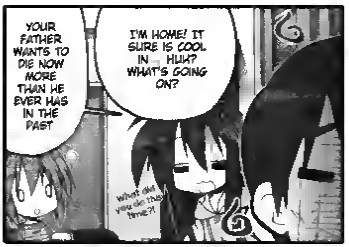
SIII
IIGH

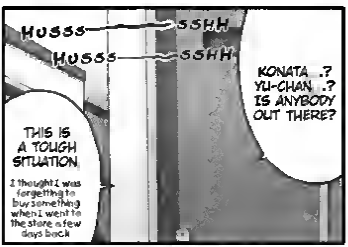

I'M HOME!
TRIPLE KNOCK
STILL, I CAN'T CHANGE THE SITUATION NOW
The breeze feels really weird
KACHA


GRR!
EMPTY



ALL THAT HAS TO HAPPEN IS THE PERSON WHO USE IT UP PUTS A NEW ONE IN
KLEEE


YOUR FATHER WANTS TO DIE NOW MORE THAN HE EVER HAS IN THE PAST
I'M HOME! IT SURE IS COOL IN HUH? WHAT'S GOING ON?
What did you do that time?!


HUSSS
SSHH
HUSSS
SSHH
KONATA ..? YU-CHAN ..? IS ANYBODY OUT THERE?
THIS IS A TOUGH SITUATION
I thought I was forgetting to buy something when I went to the store a few days back

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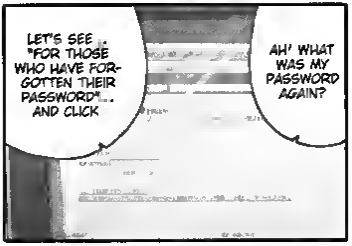
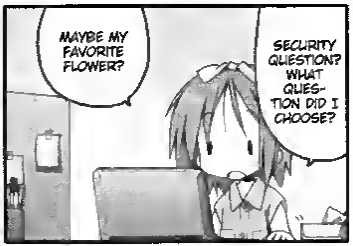
episode 204
Endless

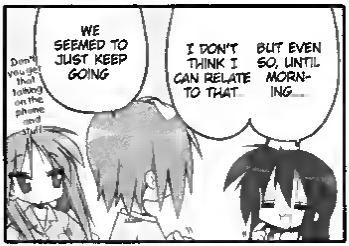




I GUESS MOST WRITE DOWN THE QUESTIONS WITH THE PASSWORDS.
WELL, SOME PEOPLE JUST REMEMBER. SOME WRITE IT DOWN
It doesn't make sense, but
AND SO I EVEN FORGOT WHAT ANSWER I WAS SUPPOSED TO GIVE TO BE SENT MY FORGOTTEN PASSWORD

● Comp Ace, November 2008 issue

playing catch solitaire


WE SEEMED TO JUST KEEP GOING
I DON'T THINK I CAN RELATE TO THAT
BUT EVEN SO, UNTIL MORNING...
Don't you get that talking on the phone and stuff?

WELL... WHEN I'M PLAYING A GAME OR SOMETHING, I ALWAYS FIGURE I CAN ANSWER AFTER
And then I tend to forget
TO HAVE SOMETHING CONTINUE THROUGH MAIL. SHE'D ACTUALLY HAVE TO REPLY TO A MESSAGE FIRST.
Not even when somebody's waiting
TWIRL

arranged marriage meeting

YESTERDAY, I WAS EXCHANGING TEXT MESSAGES WITH MINEGISHI-SAN...
Oh? You're e-mailing each other?
Sure it's talking about cooking and things like that...

AFTER A BUNCH OF EXCHANGES
I have to answer this
All Another message
"WE NEVER SEEMED TO KNOW WHEN TO QUIT.
I'll keep going until morning

YUP
AH, DAD! A MIDNIGHT SNACK?

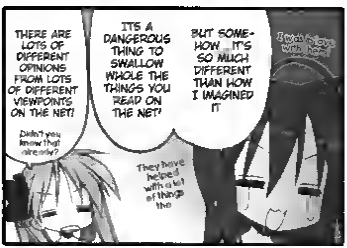
SHRRT SHRRT

YOU MEAN WE'RE BEING BUGGED BY THE MAKER? WE'D HAVE TO BE AN INCREDIBLE FAMILY FOR THAT!
THIS ISN'T A RESULT OF AN EARLIER COMPLAINT I HAD BEING OVERHEARD IS IT?
Like we were bugged.
YOU KNOW SOME-THING?
I hope they don't hold grudges

GRR—

WELL...
THERE YOU GO AGAIN MAKING A CONFUSED FACE

I READ A MANGA REVIEW ON THE NET, SO I BOUGHT IT.
The manga was about four girls who have no other interests outside of manga and anime.


BUT SOME-HOW IT'S SO MUCH DIFFERENT THAN HOW I IMAGINED IT
ITS A DANGEROUS THING TO SWALLOW WHOLE THE THINGS YOU READ ON THE NET!
THERE ARE LOTS OF DIFFERENT OPINIONS FROM LOTS OF DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS ON THE NET!
Didn't you know that already?
They have helped with a lot of things too

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episode 205
just like normal

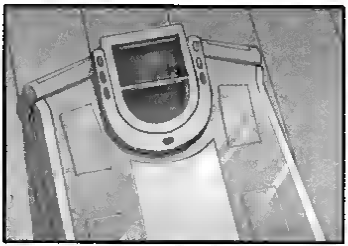
Tsukasa? I won't be home till late so I'll just eat out and come home after.
THAT MEANS I CAN TAKE IT EASY ON TOMORROW'S BENTO AND USE TONIGHT'S LEFT-OVERS.
Ah Tsukasa? I'm going to be out with my friends. Don't make dinner for me okay?
OKAY.
I'M HOME! AH?
I'M HOME! OH?
where're the left overs for bento?
EMPTY
YAAAWN! HUH?

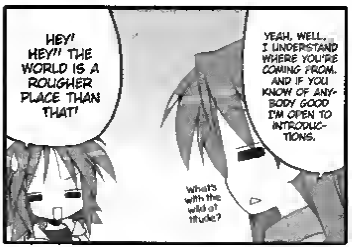
● Comp Ace, December 2008 issue

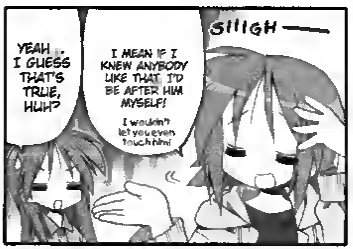
first, i'll...

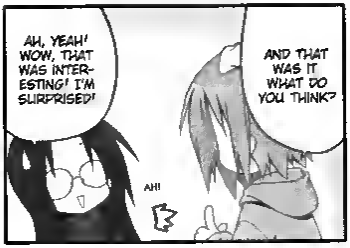
careful only about weight

THE ANSWER. RO-MANCE!!
You're all have to want to become cuter! That's key!
DOO
BUT IT CAN SURE BE A PAIN KEEP-ING YOUR MOTIVA-TION UP!
OOm




HEY! HEY!! THE WORLD IS A ROUGHER PLACE THAN THAT!
YEAH, WELL... I UNDERSTAND WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM. AND IF YOU KNOW OF ANY-BODY GOOD I'M OPEN TO INTRODUC-TIONS.
What's with the wild attitude?



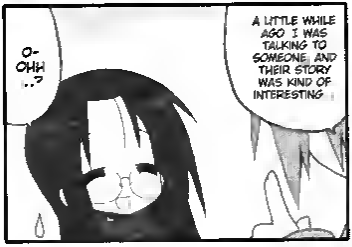

AH, YEAH! WOW, THAT WAS INTERESTING! I'M SURPRISED!
AND THAT WAS IT. WHAT DO YOU THINK?
AH!

H-HUH? IS THAT RIGHT?
I don't think it came from a convenience station
WAIT, WASN'T THAT THE PLOT OF THE MANGA YOU WERE READING A LITTLE WHILE BACK?

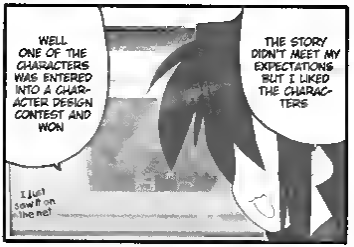
No, it's fine. It's the thought that counts!
Ah ha ha! I'm sorry! I guess you can't use it as a manga site!
Geez!
You know I thought I'd heard that story somewhere before.

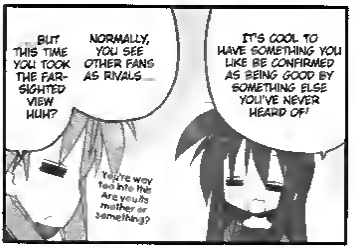
THIS FEELING OF RELIEF?
I'm so glad that Hiyori-sensei just went with it! I'll be sure to tell her next time I see her!
WELL, IT'S TOO BAD I CAN'T USE IT, BUT... WHAT IS THIS...?

HELLO HIYORI-CHAN! I HEAR YOU'RE STUCK FOR PLOT IDEAS AGAIN
YOO-HOO!
Yeah, well.
Welcome! Come in!


O-OHH..?
A LITTLE WHILE AGO I WAS TALKING TO SOMEONE, AND THEIR STORY WAS KIND OF INTERESTING.

IT'S INTERESTING, BUT I WONDER WHAT THIS FEELING IS... IT'S KIND OF LIKE BEING FRUSTRATED AND ERASER...
BUT WHAT WAS SHE SAYING IS ACTUALLY INTERESTING.


WELL ONE OF THE CHARACTERS WAS ENTERED INTO A CHARACTER DESIGN CONTEST AND WON
THE STORY DIDN'T MEET MY EXPECTATIONS BUT I LIKED THE CHARACTERS
I just sawit on the net


BUT THIS TIME YOU TOOK THE FAR-SIGHTED VIEW HUH?
NORMALLY, YOU SEE OTHER FANS AS RIVALS...
IT'S COOL TO HAVE SOMETHING YOU LIKE BE CONFIRMED AS BEING GOOD BY SOMETHING ELSE YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF!
You're way too into this! Are you his mother or something?

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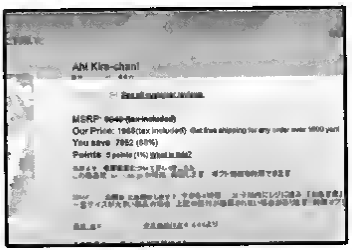
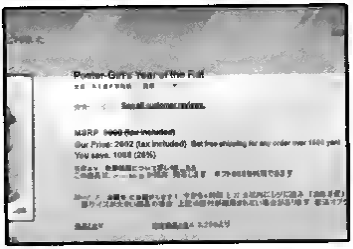
episode 206
point of divergence

● Comp Ace, January 2009 issue

bargain price


AN Kira-chan!
See all customer reviews.
MSRP: 2692 (tax included)
Our Price: 1968(tax included) Get free shipping for any order over 1800 yen!
You save: 7052 (68%)
Points: 5 points (1%) What is this?

rooting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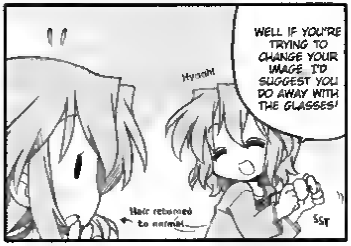
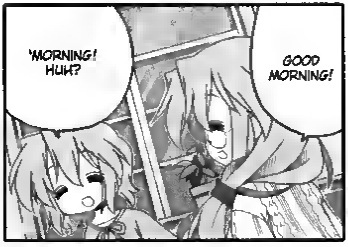
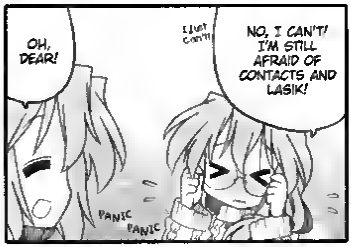
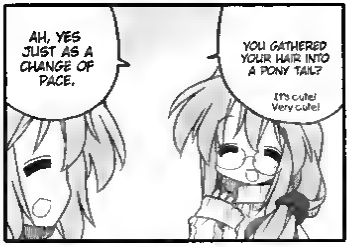
You save: 1068 (28%)


WELL IF YOU'RE TRYING TO CHANGE YOUR IMAGE, I'D SUGGEST YOU DO AWAY WITH THE GLASSES!
Hyoshi!
Hair returned to normal
SST


'MORNING! HUH?
GOOD MORNING!

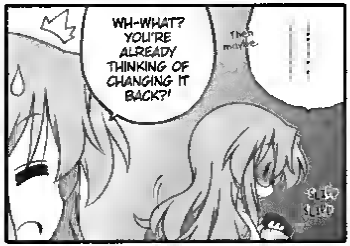

OH, DEAR!
I just can't!
NO, I CAN'T! I'M STILL AFRAID OF CONTACTS AND LASIK!
PANIC
PANIC


AH, YES JUST AS A CHANGE OF PACE.
YOU GATHERED YOUR HAIR INTO A PONY TAIL?
It's cute! Very cute!

YOU'RE SO CHILDISH SOME-TIMES, MIYUKI!
Tee hee hee!
IS IT REALLY THAT SCARY?

JUST ONE THING IT MAKES YOU LOOK VERY GROWN UP.
WELL, THAT'S JUST FINE! JUST FINE!

I WONDER WHY SHE LOOKS SO HAPPY THOUGH?
RIGHT! I JUST CAN'T GET OVER THE FEAR.
I'm ashamed of myself but
BUT THEN YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TRY CONTACTS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT?
THE NEXT DAY


WH-WHAT? YOU'RE ALREADY THINKING OF CHANGING IT BACK?!
Then maybe.
SLIP
SLIP

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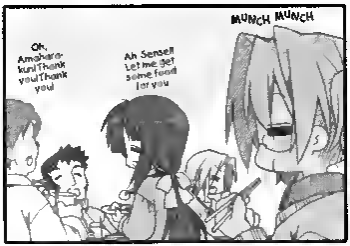
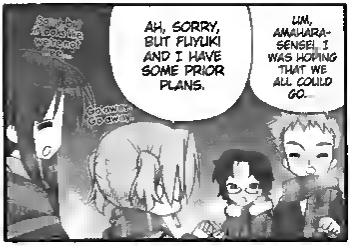
episode 207
even if points of view are different



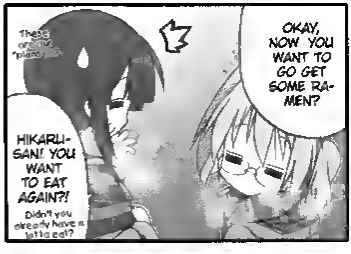
BUT THERE ARE DEFINITELY SOME PEOPLE WHO WORK EVEN HARDER THAN NORMAL AT THESE THINGS
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A PARTY TO SHOW APPRECIATION FOR THE LABORS OF OTHERS

● Comp Ace, February 2009 issue

ONEE-SAN, GOOD MORNING! WHAT'S WRONG?
So early in the new year.
GOO' MOR'NIN'
WOFFLE
Were you playing a game?


Sounds like a fabulous weekend!
AH, SORRY, BUT FUYUKI AND I HAVE SOME PRIOR PLANS.
UM, AMAHARA-SENSEI, I WAS HOPING THAT WE ALL COULD GO...
GO OVER GO TWICE

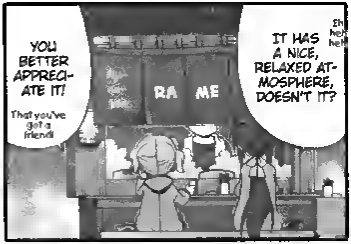
IF YOU PUT A PICTURE OF BAKU-SAN UNDERNEATH YOUR PILLOW THEY SAY YOU WON'T HAVE ANY BAD DREAMS.
THERE'S A CHARM YOU CAN DO TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE GOOD DREAMS.
I see.


These are my plans...
OKAY, NOW YOU WANT TO GO GET SOME RAMEN?
HIKARU-SAN! YOU WANT TO EAT AGAIN?!
Didn't you already have a lot to eat?

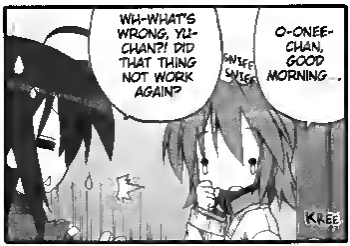
AND I HAD A HUGE LOAD OF WEIRD DREAMS
AND SO, SINCE THIS WILL BE MY FIRST DREAM OF THE NEW YEAR, I THOUGHT I'D TRY IT...
That charm doesn't seem to work at all
PONN

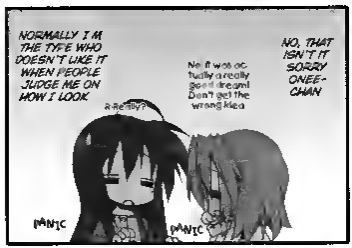
MAYBE, BUT YOU HARDLY ATE OR DRANK ANYTHING TONIGHT.
LET'S GO I CAN TREAT YOU ONCE IN A WHILE

TREMBLE...TREMBLE
BUT ONEE-CHAN, THAT'S BECAUSE THIS PICTURE IS OF SOME WEIRD, UN-KNOWN LIFE FORM!
It looks like it would only threaten to attack you.


YOU BETTER APPRECIATE IT!
That you've got a friend.
RA ME
IT HAS A NICE, RELAXED ATMOSPHERE, DOESN'T IT?
Eh hee hee

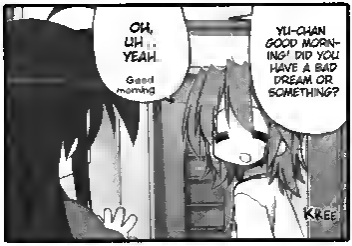
CHEEP
CHEEP


WH-WHAT'S WRONG, YU-CHAN?! DID THAT THING NOT WORK AGAIN?
O-ONEE-CHAN, GOOD MORNING...
SNIFF SNIFF
KREE

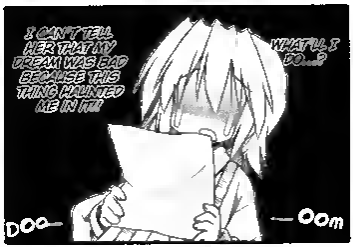

NORMALLY I'M THE TYPE WHO DOESN'T LIKE IT WHEN PEOPLE JUDGE ME ON HOW I LOOK
Really?
No, it was ok. Sally a really good dream! Don't get the wrong idea
NO, THAT ISN'T IT SORRY ONEE-CHAN
PANIC
PANIC

THAT PICTURE OF YOURS REALLY WAS BAKU-SAN!
I WAS CRYING BECAUSE I JUDGED YOUR PICTURE ON LOOKS AND WAS EMBARRASSED AND SAD ABOUT IT
Thank you, Onee-chan! I'll keep your picture safe!

CHEEP
CHEEP


OH, UH... YEAH.
Good morning
YU-CHAN GOOD MORNING! DID YOU HAVE A BAD DREAM OR SOMETHING?
KREE

I KNOW! I'LL LOAN YOU MY PICTURE OF BAKU-SAN!
YOU'RE SO CUTE YU-CHAN, I'M SURE HE'D PROTECT YOU!


I CAN'T TELL HER THAT MY DREAM WAS BAD BECAUSE THIS THING HAUNTED ME IN IT!
WHAT'LL I DO...?
DOO
OOM

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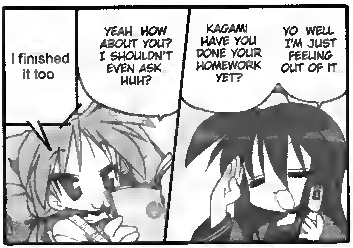
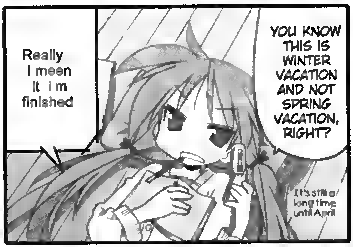
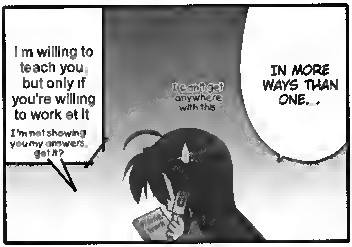
episode 208
when it comes to her


I finished it too
YEAH. HOW ABOUT YOU? I SHOULDN'T EVEN ASK. HUH?
KAGAMI HAVE YOU DONE YOUR HOMEWORK YET?
YO WELL I'M JUST FEELING OUT OF IT


Really I meen it i m finished
YOU KNOW THIS IS WINTER VACATION AND NOT SPRING VACATION, RIGHT?
It's still a/ long time until April


I m willing to teach you, but only if you're willing to work et It
I'm not showing you my answers, get it?
It's not get anywhere with this
IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. .

● Comp Ace, March 2009 issue

I'D REALLY LIKE TO MEET SOMEBODY KIND OF LIKE THAT, HUH?
That's my ideal!
IT ISN'T THAT WE AREN'T INTERESTED IT'S PROBABLY JUST THAT TIME WITH FRIENDS IS MORE IMPORTANT TO US RIGHT NOW
but any of us would love to have a fling
WE DON'T SEEM TO HAVE A SINGLE ROMANTIC STORY BETWEEN US!
AH! YES, YOU'RE RIGHT!
I like that kind of thing too
It always happens in the dramas and commercials
ON YOUR WAY SOMEWHERE YOU JUST HAPPEN TO MEET UP WITH SOMEONE!
SPEAKING OF TRAIN PASSES...
THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN THESE DAYS!
You're living in the past!
IF ONLY THERE WAS A CHANCE LIKE SOMEBODY DROPPING THEIR TRAIN PASS OR NOTEBOOK OR SOMETHING
WHOA!! WHAT A GREAT PLOT TWIST WHAT HAPPENED THEN?!
No, I should be thanking you!
Thanks for back there
WHEN I GOT TO WHERE I WAS GOING I HAPPENED TO BUMP INTO THE GUY WHOSE PASS I FOUND AGAIN
It was a weird moment
EH? THAT HAPPENED? WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?
Did you get a look at his name?!
Whoa! Thank you so much!
Um You dropped this
THE OTHER DAY SOMETHING MUCH LIKE THAT HAPPENED TO ME
AH! NO GOOD! WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS GIRL QUICKLY!
EH? NOTHING I JUST BUMPED INTO HIM NOTHING ELSE...
Nothing unusual
WHAT...? HERE ARE PEOPLE STRIVING FOR HALF A CHANCE, AND YOU GO BEING A FLAG CRUSHER?!
EH? NO ALL I DID WAS GIVE IT BACK

Sup? Oh, Nee!!
OH?
nnG...

PIRORI!!IKO
OH, IT'S FROM HIIRAG!!

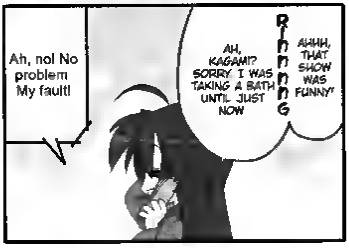
The gods are B mad! So they plague us with inactual jokes!
'SUP, HIIRAG! HM? YEAH, I'M WATCHING TELEVISION. NO, IT'S OKAY. NO PROBLEM!!
PEEP

So it isn't "no problem" to talk, right?
This isn't that important so I'll just call back later
I'm sorry honey! I'm so sorry!
AH HA HA HA HA!!! AH, SORRY! WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

OH?
nnG
Wh-what?! On a day like this !!

RINNNNG
OH, IT'S FROM KAGAMI!
It isn't Sekushi! It's pronounced Seiyi

RINNNNG
Business and love must be separate!


Ah, no! No problem My fault!
AH, KAGAMI? SORRY. I WAS TAKING A BATH UNTIL JUST NOW
RINNNNG
AHHH, THAT SHOW WAS FUNNY!

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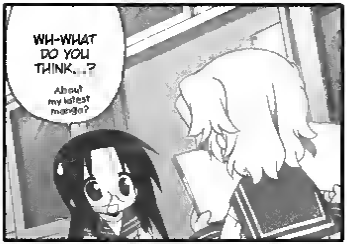
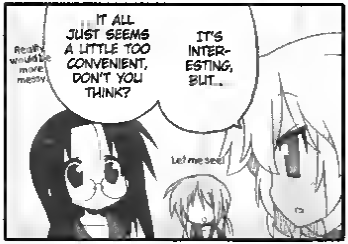
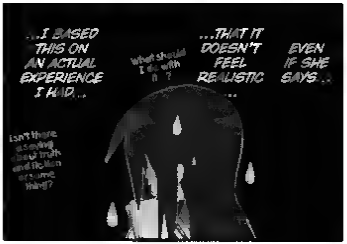
episode 209
revolving plans

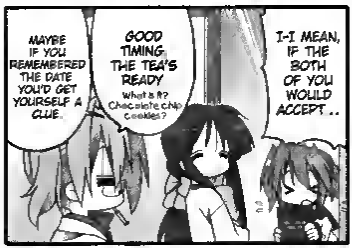





...I BASED THIS ON AN ACTUAL EXPERIENCE I HAD...
What should I do with it?
...THAT IT DOESN'T FEEL REALISTIC
EVEN IF SHE SAYS...
Isn't there a saying about truth and fiction resembling?

● Comp Ace, April 2009 issue

irregular

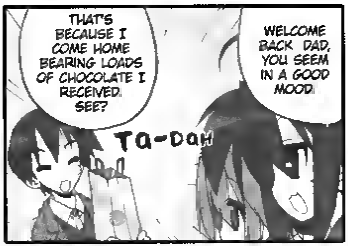

MAYBE IF YOU REMEMBERED THE DATE YOU'D GET YOURSELF A CLUE.
GOOD TIMING. THE TEA'S READY
What is it? Chocolate chip cookies?
I-I MEAN, IF THE BOTH OF YOU WOULD ACCEPT..

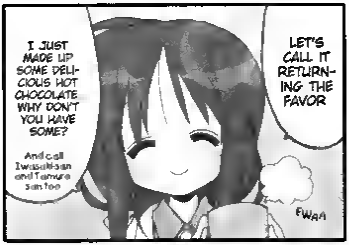
hard worker

I HATE TO DISTURB YOUR SENTIMENTAL MUSINGS, BUT
I DON'T THINK SHE HAD ANY PLANS TO GIVE CHOCOLATE TO ANY GUYS THIS YEAR.
EH?!
Is it that right?
Sigh.
What's with Scare me!

I'M HOME!

KO-BAYAKA-WA-SAN?
OH, THAT'S RIGHT.

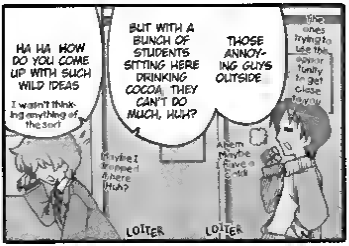

THAT'S BECAUSE I COME HOME BEARING LOADS OF CHOCOLATE I RECEIVED. SEE?
WELCOME BACK DAD. YOU SEEM IN A GOOD MOOD.
Ta-Dah


I JUST MADE UP SOME DELI-CIOUS HOT CHOCOLATE. WHY DON'T YOU HAVE SOME?
And call Iwasaki-san and Tamura-san too
LET'S CALL IT RETURN-ING THE FAVOR
FWAH

SO YOU'RE GETTING ALL HAPPY SINCE YOU RECEIVED CHOCOLATE!
Well, I'm telling Mom!
What a lecher!
EH? AH?!

? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU HAVE SOME GOOD IDEAS
I-I WILL!
I'll go call them!
TAP TAP TAP

THE SMILES ON KONATA-SAN AND YU-CHAN-S FACES WHEN I BROUGHT HOME DELICIOUS CHOCOLATE!
N-NO! WHAT I WAS HAPPY ABOUT WAS JUST...


HA HA HOW DO YOU COME UP WITH SUCH WILD IDEAS
I wasn't thinking anything of the sort
BUT WITH A BUNCH OF STUDENTS SITTING HERE DRINKING COCOA, THEY CAN'T DO MUCH, HUH?
THOSE ANNOY-ING GUYS OUTSIDE
Maybe I dropped it here, Huh?
Ahem Maybe I have a crush
LOITER
LOITER

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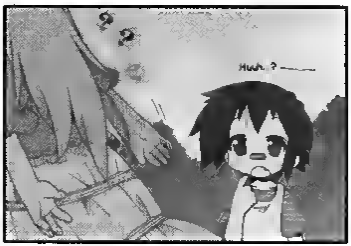
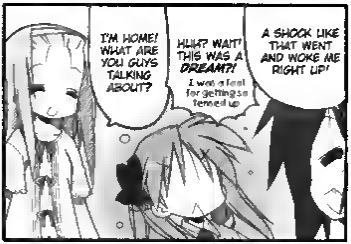
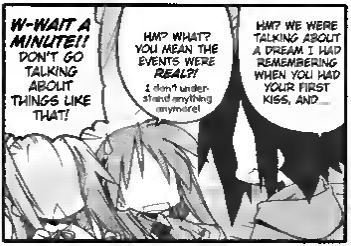
episode 210
one-lane road

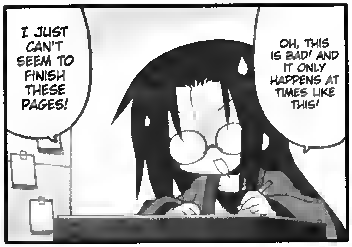


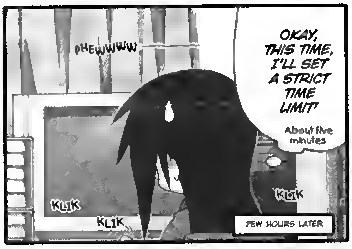

I'M HOME! WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?
HUH? WAIT? THIS WAS A DREAM?!
I was a tad forgetting-s-tensed up
A SHOCK LIKE THAT WENT AND WOKE ME RIGHT UP!

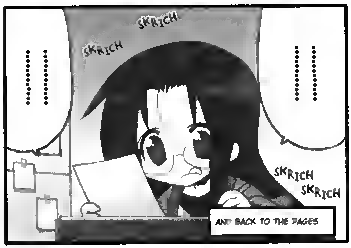

W-WAIT A MINUTE!! DON'T GO TALKING ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT!
HM? WHAT? YOU MEAN THE EVENTS WERE REAL?!
I don't understand anything anymore!
HM? WE WERE TALKING ABOUT A DREAM I HAD REMEMBERING WHEN YOU HAD YOUR FIRST KISS, AND...

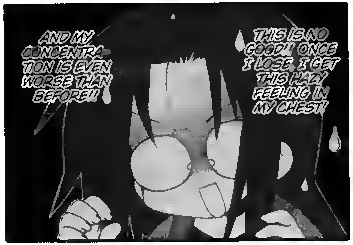
● Comp Ace, May 2009 Issue

a new enemy









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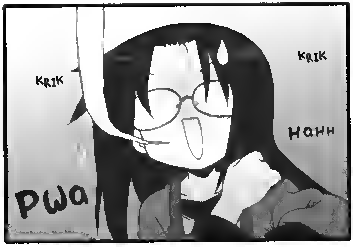
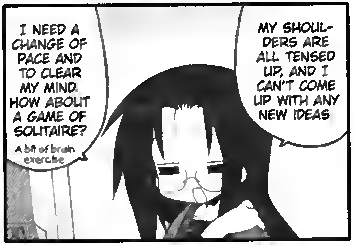
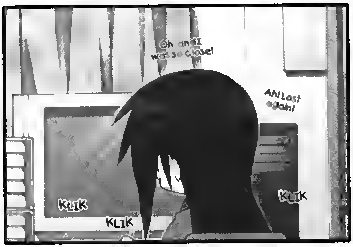
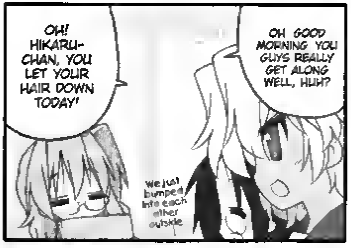



I NEED A CHANGE OF PACE AND TO CLEAR MY MIND. HOW ABOUT A GAME OF SOLITAIRE?
A bit of brain exercise
MY SHOULDERS ARE ALL TENSED UP, AND I CAN'T COME UP WITH ANY NEW IDEAS



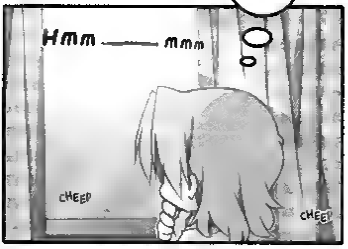
HI THERE!
SHUM!
CLUB ROOM.

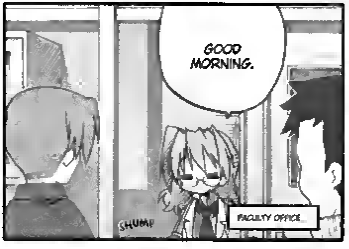

OH! HIKARU-CHAN, YOU LET YOUR HAIR DOWN TODAY!
OH GOOD MORNING YOU GUYS REALLY GET ALONG WELL, HUH?
we just bumped into each other outside

IT MAKES YOU LOOK A LITTLE MORE ADULT THAN NORMAL
CHATTER
CHATTER
WELL, I LIKE IT! IT'S GOOD!

Don't touch it!
Did somebody say something to make you change it?
BUT THE ONLY ONES WHO UNDERSTAND IT ARE MY OWN GENDER
I CAN'T SAY IT'S A BAD THING BUT...

Don't bother it's a pain
...LET'S MAKE YOUR HAIR STYLE A LITTLE BIT MORE ATTENTION-GETTING
SINCE JUST A SLIGHT CHANGE IN YOUR HAIR STYLE CAN CHANGE THE ENTIRE IMPRESSION YOU GIVE...


Hmm ——— mmm
CHEEP
CHEEP


GOOD MORNING.
SHUM!
FACULTY OFFICE.

I'M PRETTY SURE SHE OVER-SLEPT LAST NIGHT
THIS IS ABOUT WHAT I EXPECTED
YEAH
HER HAIR ISN'T TIED UP IN BACK I GUESS SHE OVER-SLEPT.

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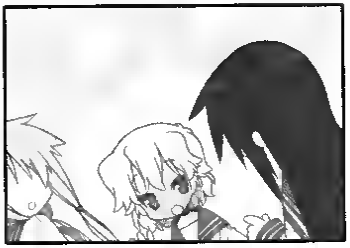
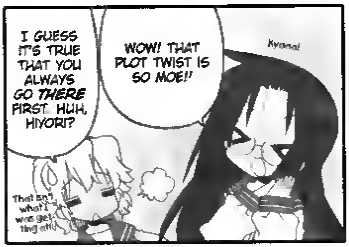
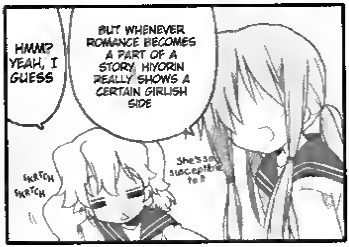
episode 211
nice smile




I GUESS IT'S TRUE THAT YOU ALWAYS GO THERE FIRST. HUH, HIYORI?
WOW! THAT PLOT TWIST IS SO MOE!!
Kyaaa!
That isn't what I was getting at!!


HMM? YEAH, I GUESS
BUT WHENEVER ROMANCE BECOMES A PART OF A STORY, HIYORIN REALLY SHOWS A CERTAIN GIRLISH SIDE
She's so succeeding to it
SKETCH SKETCH

BUT PRONOUNCE IT GIRL-YEH AND I THINK YOU'LL HAVE HIT THE NUANCE SQUARE ON THE HEAD
BUT IN HER CASE, YOU CAN USE THE SAME SPELLING
Ohhh
GIRLIN

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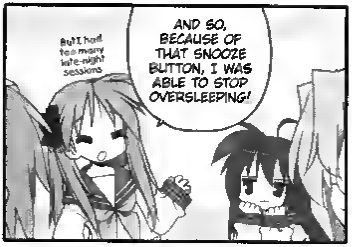
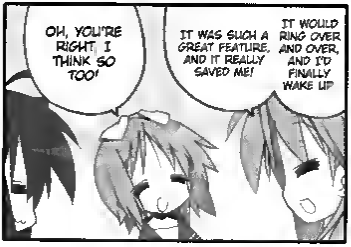
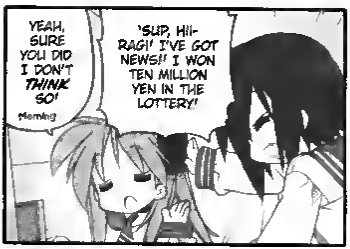
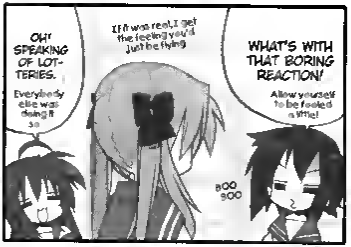



OH, YOU'RE RIGHT. I THINK SO TOO!
IT WAS SUCH A GREAT FEATURE. AND IT REALLY SAVED ME!
IT WOULD RING OVER AND OVER, AND I'D FINALLY WAKE UP

coin



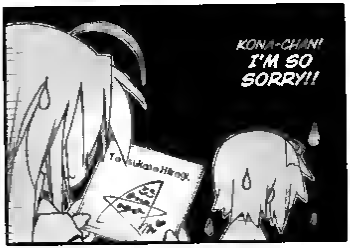
10 MILLION YEN IS ABOUT $100,000


OH! SPEAKING OF LOTTERIES.
Everybody else was doing it so
If it was real, I get the feeling you'd just be flying
WHAT'S WITH THAT BORING REACTION!
Allow yourself to be fooled a little!
BOO BOO

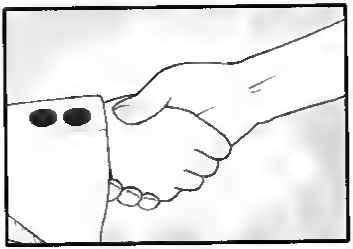
100,000 YEN IS ABOUT $1000

JUST WHAT DO THE TWO OF YOU PLANNING TO DO WITH THIS INFORMATION!
OK! I get it now!!
AND JUST LIKE THAT, IF YOU USE A STORY THAT IS JUST BORDERLINE REALISTIC YOU CAN GET THEM TO BELIEVE JUST ABOUT ANYTHING

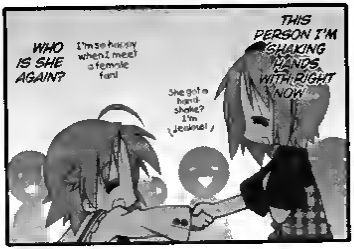
a battle with no winners



a coin to a cat



Yeah...okay I've never been to something like that. I wonder if I'm really the one to go, but...
I couldn't think of a reason to refuse
There's an Akira Kogami signing going on, and I was hoping you could go in my place?
Sorry, please?! ô


WHO IS SHE AGAIN?
I'm so happy when I meet a female fan!
She got a hard shake? I'm jealous!
THIS PERSON I'M SHAKING HANDS WITH RIGHT NOW

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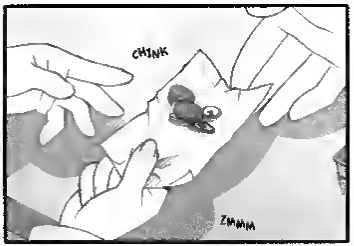
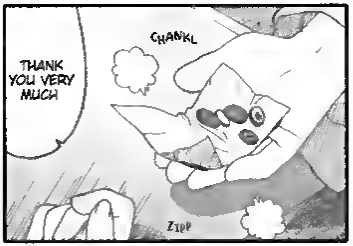
episode 212
that's the state of affairs

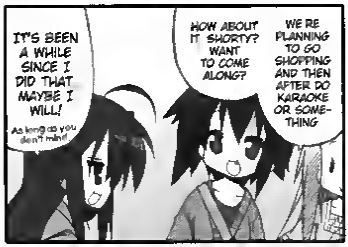


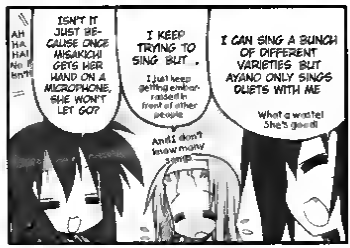


IF YOU HAVE WORRIES, I HEAR THEM OUT FOR YOU.
...IT SORT OF MAKES ME DEPRESSED!
SHE MAY BE DOING IT BECAUSE SHE THINKS IT MAKES CUSTOMERS MORE COMFORTABLE, BUT...

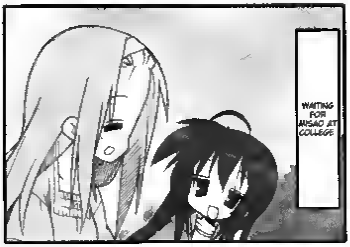
● Comp Ace, July 2009 issue

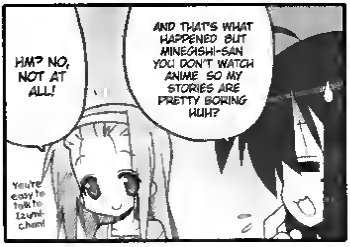
my song

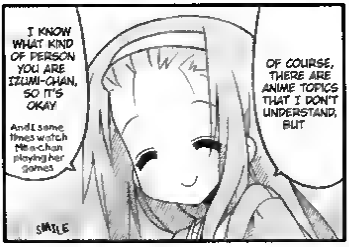

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I DID THAT. MAYBE I WILL!
As long as you don't mind!
HOW ABOUT IT, SHORTY? WANT TO COME ALONG?
WE'RE PLANNING TO GO SHOPPING AND THEN AFTER DO KARAOKE OR SOMETHING


AH HA HA! HE IS RIGHT!
ISN'T IT JUST BECAUSE ONCE MISAKICHI GETS HER HAND ON A MICROPHONE, SHE WON'T LET GO?
I KEEP TRYING TO SING BUT .
I just keep getting embarrassed in front of other people
And I don't know many songs
I CAN SING A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT VARIETIES BUT AYANO ONLY SINGS DUETS WITH ME
What a waste! She's good!

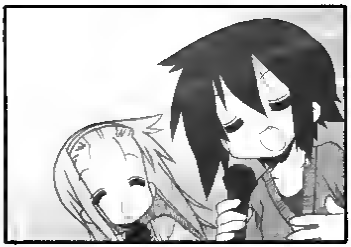
bargain basement item



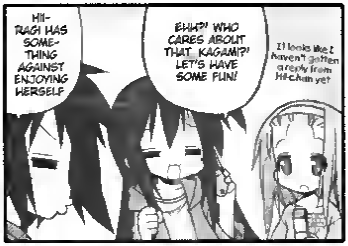

AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED BUT MINEGISHI-SAN YOU DON'T WATCH ANIME SO MY STORIES ARE PRETTY BORING HUH?
HM? NO, NOT AT ALL!
You're easy to talk to Izumi-chan!

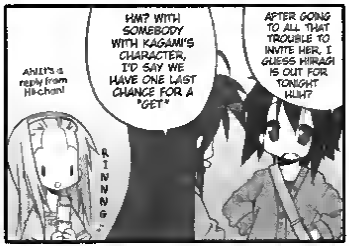

I KNOW WHAT KIND OF PERSON YOU ARE IZUMI-CHAN, SO IT'S OKAY
And I some times watch Misa-chan playing her games
OF COURSE, THERE ARE ANIME TOPICS THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND, BUT
SMILE

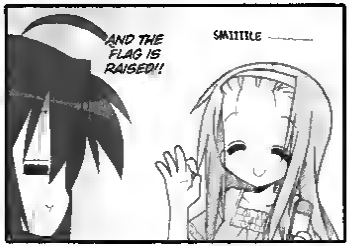
I messed up the lyrics!
AH



EH? HIIRAGI? YOU CAN'T COME?
Can't you give the studying a rest?
OH! MIYUKI-SAN IS COMING!
HOW ABOUT WE INVITE SOME OTHER PEOPLE?


HI-RAGI HAS SOME-THING AGAINST ENJOYING HERSELF
EH-HA?! WHO CARES ABOUT THAT KAGAMI? LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!
I looks like I haven't gotten a reply from Hi-Chan yet


HM? WITH SOMEBODY WITH KAGAMI'S CHARACTER, I'D SAY WE HAVE ONE LAST CHANCE FOR A "GET"
AFTER GOING TO ALL THAT TROUBLE TO INVITE HER, I GUESS HIIRAGI IS OUT FOR TONIGHT HUH?
AND it's a reply from Hi-chan!
RINNG~


AND THE FLAG IS RAISED!!
SMIIIILE

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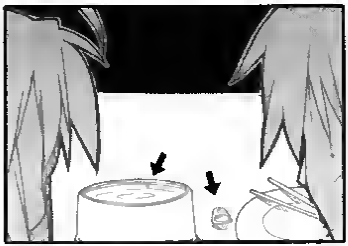

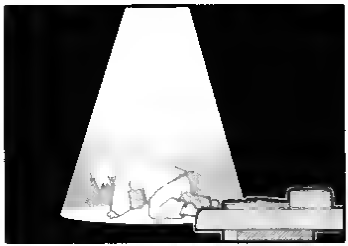

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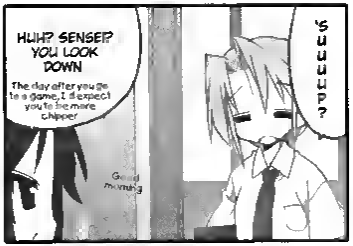
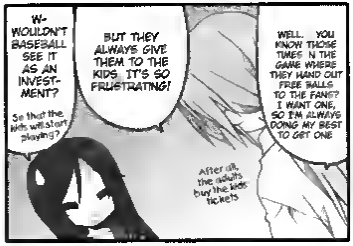
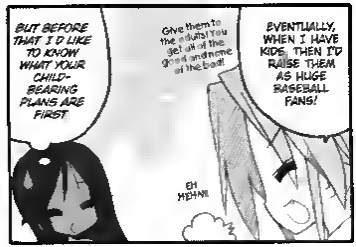
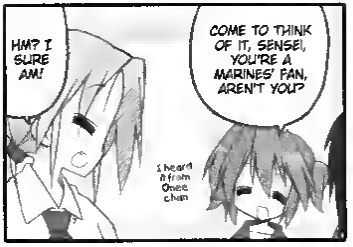

HUH? SENSEI? YOU LOOK DOWN
The day after you go to a game, I'd expect you to be more chipper
Good morning
'SUUUP?

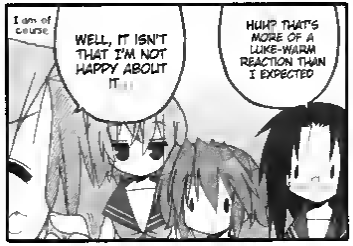

W-WOULDN'T BASEBALL SEE IT AS AN INVEST-MENT?
So that the kids will start playing?
BUT THEY ALWAYS GIVE THEM TO THE KIDS. IT'S SO FRUSTRATING!
After all, the adults buy the kids tickets
WELL... YOU KNOW THOSE TIMES IN THE GAME WHERE THEY HAND OUT FREE BALLS TO THE FANS? I WANT ONE, SO I'M ALWAYS DOING MY BEST TO GET ONE

MEANING WHAT?
I'm as good an investment as you get!!
EVEN LOOKING AT IT THAT WAY, I STILL THINK THEY SHOULD GIVE A BALL TO ME!


BUT BEFORE THAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD-BEARING PLANS ARE FIRST
Give them to the adults! You get all of the grind and none of the bad!
EH HEHAH
EVENTUALLY, WHEN I HAVE KIDS, THEN I'D RAISE THEM AS HUGE BASEBALL FANS!

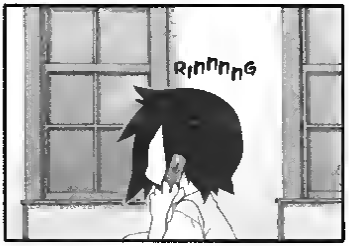

HM? I SURE AM!
I heard it from Onee chan
COME TO THINK OF IT, SENSEI, YOU'RE A MARINES' FAN, AREN'T YOU?

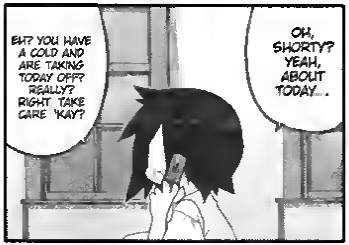
Y-YEAH, THEY DID...
I hear it was a record
YESTERDAY AND THE DAY BEFORE, THEY REALLY SCORED A LOT OF POINTS, DIDN'T THEY?


I am of course
WELL, IT ISN'T THAT I'M NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT...
HUH? THAT'S MORE OF A LUKE-WARM REACTION THAN I EXPECTED

THE FAN STATE OF MIND IS A COMPLICATED THING
I'd be happier if they consistently scored every game!
But you don't need all those runs to win just one game.

not quite adapted yet

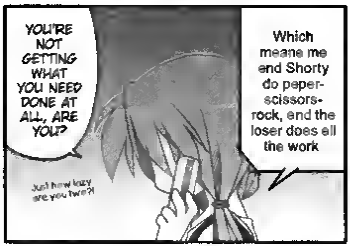




ability to adapt

BUT SOME THINGS ARE JUST TOUGH WITHOUT YOU AND AYANO AROUND
ME TOO NOT BAD AT ALL
Hanging out with Shorty and all.
Reports and stuff

YEAH, WELL I'M GETTING BY IN MY OWN WAY
Like I keep saying, it isn't "tough" it's "normal" But to hear you you're getting what you need done right?


YOU'RE NOT GETTING WHAT YOU NEED DONE AT ALL, ARE YOU?
Which means me and Shorty do paper-scissors-rock, and the loser does all the work
Just how lazy are you two?!

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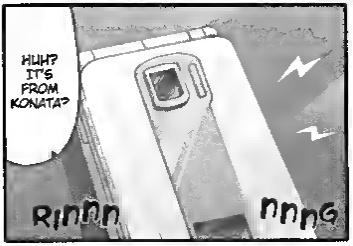

NOTHING, JUST THAT ON TV, THEY SAID THERE WAS A CASE OR TWO OF SWINE FLU IN THE AREA.
Huh? Just fine What's this about?
You're right. It is sudden!

WELL.... NO, MORE LIKE A GENERAL SENSE.
What's that mean? Are you trying to pick a fight?
Are you saying I'm fat?
AND CONSIDERING THE NAME OF THE DISEASE I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE IN TROUBLE
Although that might be a part of it

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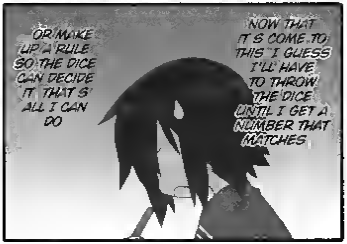
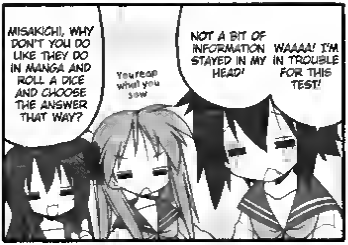

OR MAKE UP A RULE SO THE DICE CAN DECIDE IT. THAT'S ALL I CAN DO
NOW THAT IT'S COME TO THIS I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO THROW THE DICE UNTIL I GET A NUMBER THAT MATCHES


MISAKICHI, WHY DON'T YOU DO LIKE THEY DO IN MANGA AND ROLL A DICE AND CHOOSE THE ANSWER THAT WAY?
You read what you saw
NOT A BIT OF INFORMATION STAYED IN MY HEAD!
WAAAA! I'M IN TROUBLE FOR THIS TEST!

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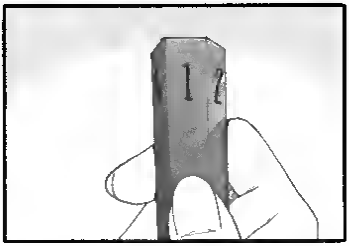
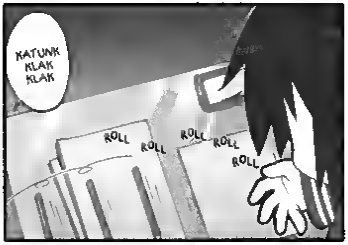
ROLL

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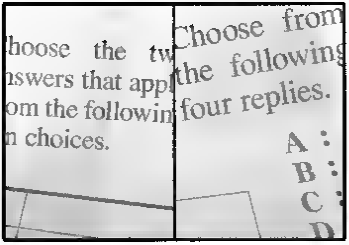
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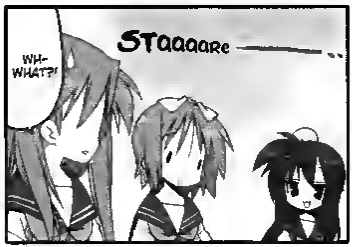
Choose from
the following
four replies.
A :
B :
C :
D

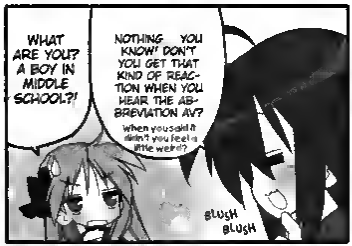
IT ALL TURNS OUT BAD!!
NO MATTER WHAT I SEEM TO TR...

...DON'T MATCH UP WITH MY DECISION METHOD!
I can't do anything with this!
THE NUMBER OF CHOICES..

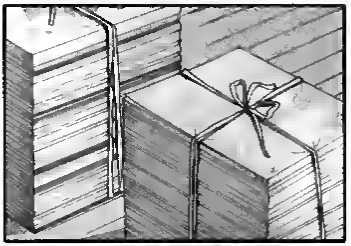
abbreviation

HUH? YOU KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT COMPUTERS! WHY DO YOU GET THAT WAY WHEN IT COMES TO AV EQUIPMENT?
EH? BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO WORK THE NEW MACHINES.



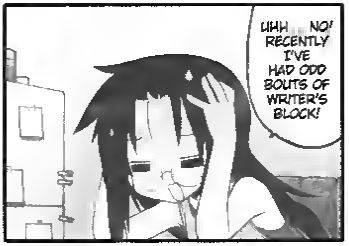

WHAT ARE YOU? A BOY IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?!
NOTHING YOU KNOW! DON'T YOU GET THAT KIND OF REACTION WHEN YOU HEAR THE ABBREVIATION AV?
when you said it didn't you feel a little weird?
BLUSH BLUSH

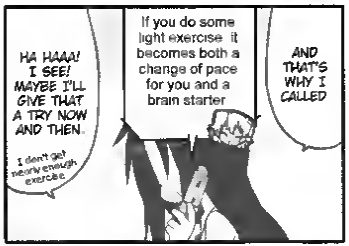
unclassifiable

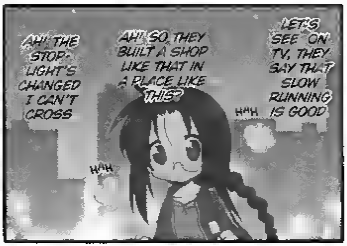


YEAH THEY'RE JUST SOME OLD DOUJINSHI THAT I USED TO COLLECT
Now I've got too many and they're just cluttering up the place.
PAPA-SAN ARE YOU GOING TO THROW THESE AWAY?

EVEN THOUGH THEY DIDN'T CATCH FIRE, THEY STILL GO INTO THE BURNABLE TRASH? WHY?
IT'S BECAUSE THEIR MOE DIDN'T CATCH FIRE THAT THEY'RE TRASH.




HA HAAA! I SEE! MAYBE I'LL GIVE THAT A TRY NOW AND THEN.
I don't do nearly enough exercise.
If you do some light exercise it becomes both a change of pace for you and a brain starter
AND THAT'S WHY I CALLED


AH! THE STOP-LIGHT'S CHANGED I CAN'T CROSS
AH! SO THEY BUILT A SHOP LIKE THAT IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
LET'S SEE... ON TV, THEY SAY THAT SLOW RUNNING IS GOOD
HA'H
HA'H

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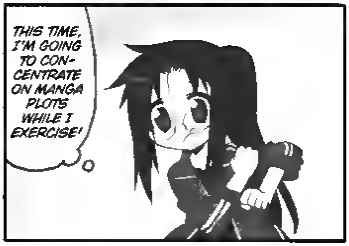
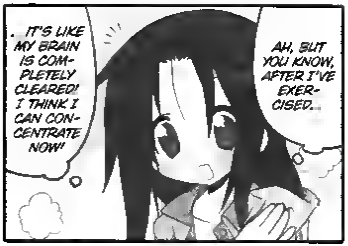
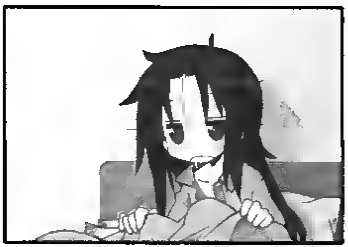


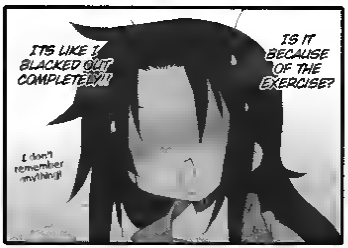
IT MIGHT BE A GOOD STORY TO CONNECT UP BOTH THIS AND THAT...
NOW THAT I'M HERE, I SHOULD STOP BY THAT SHOP I JUST DISCOVERED.
AT A TIME LIKE THIS, I'M SURE EVERYBODY SHOULD BE WEARING SWIMSUITS.

I EXERCISED WAY TOO MUCH!!
I HAD SOME GOOD THOUGHTS, BUT I WAS CONCENTRATING TOO HARD!
AHHH... THIS IS NO GOOD!
I don't know what...
Who is the heck am I...
Wheeze
Wheeze

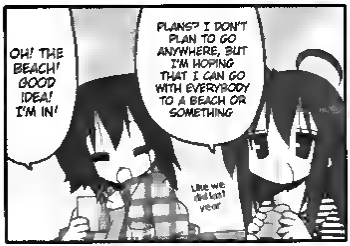
brain power level



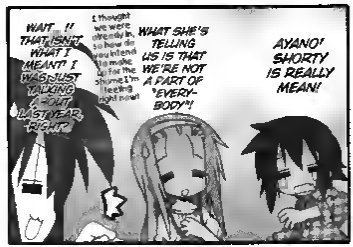




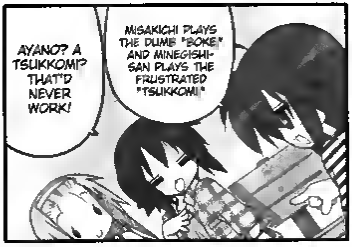
SHORTY, WHAT PLANS DO YOU HAVE FOR SUMMER?

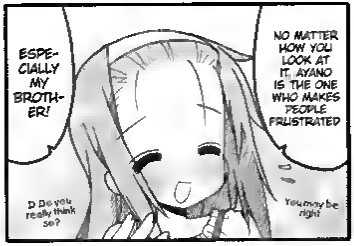

OH! THE BEACH! GOOD IDEA! I'M IN!
PLANS? I DON'T PLAN TO GO ANYWHERE, BUT I'M HOPING THAT I CAN GO WITH EVERYBODY TO A BEACH OR SOMETHING
Like we did last year

THEN WHY DON'T YOU AND AYANO COME TOO MISAKICH!!
REALLY ?!

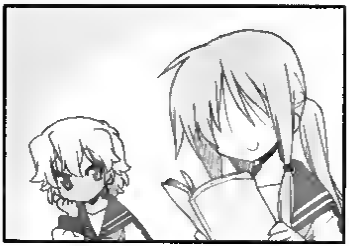

WAIT..!! THAT ISN'T WHAT I MEANT! I WAS JUST TALKING ABOUT LAST YEAR, RIGHT?
I thought we were already in so how do you intend to make up for the shame I'm feeling right now!
WHAT SHE'S TELLING US IS THAT WE'RE NOT A PART OF "EVERYBODY"!
AYANO! SHORTY IS REALLY MEAN!

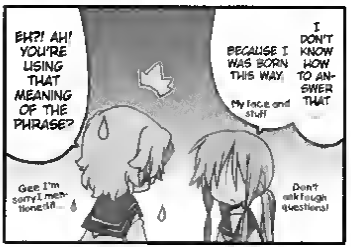
YOU TWO GIVE OFF THE FEELING OF A REALLY GOOD COMBINATION
BUT, YOU KNOW


AYANO? A TSUKKOMI? THAT'D NEVER WORK!
MISAKICH! PLAYS THE DUMB "BOKE" AND MINEGISHI-SAN PLAYS THE FRUSTRATED "TSUKKOMI!"


ESPECIALLY MY BROTHER!
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, AYANO IS THE ONE WHO MAKES PEOPLE FRUSTRATED
D Do you really think so?
You may be right

EXCUSE ME!! PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR MY DIRTY MIND COMING UP WITH A REALLY EROTIC IMAGE JUST NOW!
The thing about Ayano is that she's less of a "boke" and more of a "boke" after who doesn't recognize a good straw line. She does do some tsukkomi where my brother is concerned, though




EH?! AH! YOU'RE USING THAT MEANING OF THE PHRASE?
BECAUSE I WAS BORN THIS WAY.
My face and stuff
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO ANSWER THAT
Gee, I'm sorry I mentioned it...
Don't ask tough questions!

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● Comp Ace, November 2009 issue

future track

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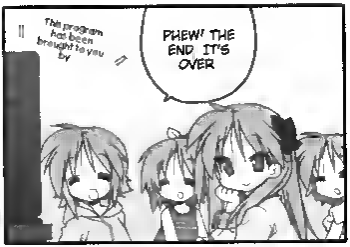
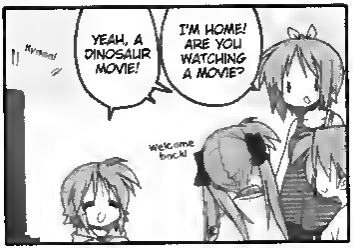
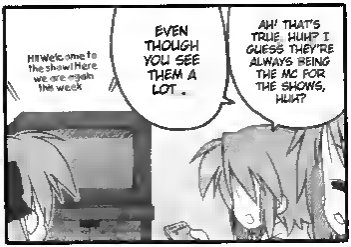




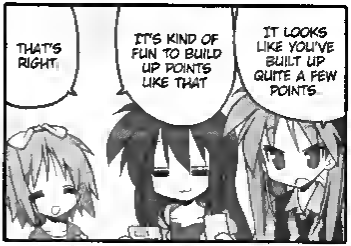

Hi! Welcome to the show! Here we are again this week
EVEN THOUGH YOU SEE THEM A LOT.
AH! THAT'S TRUE, HUH? I GUESS THEY'RE ALWAYS BEING THE MC FOR THE SHOWS, HUH?

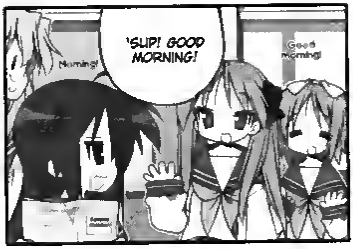
YEAH, WELL, THEY PROBABLY DO IT WHEN THEY AREN'T ON TV, MAYBE?
They don't even come over right?
THEY'VE COMPLETELY DROPPED DOING THEIR COMEDY ROUTINES, HUH?

discharging

point of attack

USE MY POINTS TO BUY IT. LET'S GO FIND OUT!
COME TO THINK OF IT, IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN TO THAT STORE. AND THERE I CAN PROBABLY...
The competition built a store right by the station, so I haven't been to that store in a while.





WELL, I HEARD THEY DID A STORY ON THE SHRINE YOUR FAMILY TENDS, SO I
EH.. ?! YOU WITH A NEWSPAPER IN YOUR HAND?!
It's supposed to rain tomorrow?
Don't be insulting!

BUT EVEN SO, I LEARNED THINGS ABOUT THE LOCAL AREA, SO LOCAL PAPERS ARE PRETTY COOL.
AH! SOMEBODY WHO SEEMED LIKE A REPORTER CAME BY A WHILE BACK.
So it came out today?
Normally I don't have any interest in local stuff

HEY...!! DON'T START OUT AT THAT LEVEL!
That isn't what anybody'd call "local level"
LIKE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I EVER HEARD THAT THERE ARE TWO WHOLE J-LEAGUE SOCCER TEAMS IN SAITAMA!
I'm one item more educated!

You know A lot of newspapers carry the over-the-air digital TV lineup too, huh?
But Saitama Shimbun hasn't changed so it's kind of comforting
They actually made that change a long time ago.

* Saitama Shimbun Newspaper, Jan 1st, 2009

EH? THIS TIME YOU WANT TO DO THE MARA-THON-STYLE RUN?
YEAH. I THOUGHT I'D TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE.
I've been watching people do it ever since middle school
I've been practicing with Onee-chan at home.
COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU'VE BEEN GOING ALL OUT IN GYM CLASS, HUH?

episode 217

☆ yutaka is yutaka because of minami, hiyori

● Comptiq, October 2009 issue

I REALLY ADMIRE YOU, KOBAYAKAWA-SAN! FOR ME, I'M AT THE POINT WHERE I PLAN TO HAVE A COLD ON THAT DAY!
I hate that stuff
BUT OUR SCHOOL'S LONG-DISTANCE RUN IS PRETTY LONG, ISN'T IT?
Will you be all right?
Y-YEAH... BUT, I'M A LITTLE... WORRIED, YOU KNOW?
I'LL RUN ALONGSIDE YOU...
!
That's the class's health representative for you!
N--
NO, YOU CAN'T!! YOU HAVE TO COMPETE SERIOUSLY!!

I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU WANT TO HELP YOUR FRIEND...
...BUT UNLESS YOU START BEING SERIOUS ABOUT GYM CLASS...
...I WON'T BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU A GOOD GRADE.
DA-DOOM
AH... UM.. SEE? SOMETHING LIKE THAT COULD HAVE AN EFFECT ON YOUR GRADES, SO...
AT SOME POINT, I JUST FOUND MYSELF RELYING TOO MUCH ON MINAMI-CHAN.
I-I DON'T REALLY CARE SO MUCH ABOUT GRADES
AND ALTHOUGH I'M REALLY GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE KINDNESS SHE'S SHOWN ME...
!!
I'M REALLY HAPPY FOR THE THOUGHT, BUT...
...I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO!!
...BUT I CAN'T ALLOW MYSELF TO START RELYING ON THAT KINDNESS.

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See you!
SEVERAL DAYS LATER...
MAYBE... BY GETTING TOO CLOSE, I MADE HER STOP LIKING ME...
IWASAKI-SAN, THIS IS JUST A PERSONAL OPINION, BUT...
NO... I'M THINK YOU TWO ARE JUST FINE.
You're over thinking this.
B-BUT...
I'M SORRY!! I'M HAPPY FOR YOUR HELP, BUT...
...THIS TIME, I WANT TO RELY ON MYSELF!! AND I WANT YOU TO DO YOUR BEST TOO, MINAMI-CHAN!

I'M PRETTY SURE SHE JUST DOESN'T WANT TO BE A BURDEN, IN A LOT OF WAYS.
AND I DON'T THINK SHE WANTS TO BE FRIENDS IN THAT WAY.
BUT I THINK SHE DOES WANT TO BE FRIENDS. SO SHE'S TELLING YOU EXACTLY HOW SHE WANTS THAT FRIENDSHIP TO BE.
IF YOU GIVE HER SPECIAL CONSIDERATION, SHE FEELS TOO SINGLED OUT BUT YOU'RE SO NICE, IWASAKI-SAN...
AND SO, MAYBE IF THERE WAS A WAY TO MAKE HER FEEL HAPPY THAT IS MORE... LIKE YOU...
I SEE, SO
. IN MY INTERACTIONS WITH YUTAKA...
MAY HAVE BEEN JUST TO MAKE MYSELF FEEL BETTER
BECAUSE WE'RE FRIENDS...
I NEED A WAY
...THAT'S MORE LIKE ME...

Once again, you.
So I'm all fired up for this!
This time, I made a bet with my father
Ah! Good morning!
OH! MINAMI-CHAN! GO EASY ON US, OKAY?
SEMPAI.. TODAY...
...I REALLY MUST APOLOGIZE, BUT...
1st Year D Class
Iwasaki

HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
I CAN'T RUN ANYMORE ...
I WANT TO TAKE A BREAK...
I CAN HARDLY BREATHE...
TH-THIS IS NO GOOD...
AND HERE I PUT ON AIRS LIKE I WAS SO GREAT...
I REALLY WANTED TO DO MY BEST...
I-IS IT ME? AM I NO GOOD?
BUP...
?
...TAKA!
....ORK IT!

MINAMI-CHAN?!
M--
WORK IT, YU-TAKA!!
IT CAN'T BE...
...HERE...?
...IS MINAMI-CHAN...
WHY...
AH...

YOU RAN THE ENTIRE RACE. GOOD GOING.
WHEEZE
HAHH
HAHH
AND THANK YOU SO MUCH!
I WANT TO SAY SORRY, FOR SO MANY THINGS!
AH... UM...
I'M NOT SO GOOD IN ACTUAL COMPE-TITION, SO I'M REALLY ENVIOUS!
YOU KNOW, YOU TWO REALLY ARE AMAZING...
You were true to your words!

THANK YOU... HIYORI.
I'M SORRY. BUT... NO, THAT ISN'T IT...
H-HUH? DID SOMETHING I JUST SAY MAKE YOU GRIN?
I TRIED TO KEEP PACE WITH MINAMI-CHAN, AND IT WORE ME OUT.
Yeah, you too
Nice running
YOU HAD A BET RIDING ON THIS, BUT THAT DIDN'T REALLY GIVE YOU MUCH MOTIVATION, HUH?
EH? AH? Y-YOU'RE WELCOME?
Why?
HM? WELL...
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

OH, I GET IT. NO WAY YOU CAN BEAT THAT.

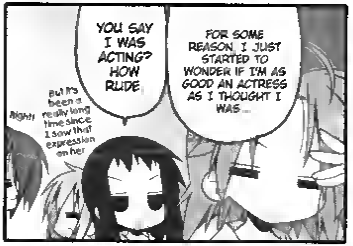
- Madoka Ouhara
- Rinko Otonashi
- Akira Kogami
- Akuru Nakatani

Akira Nation

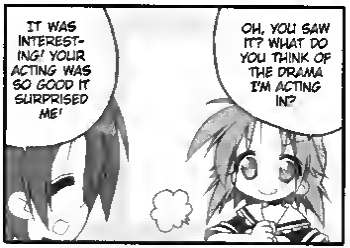
top-quality material

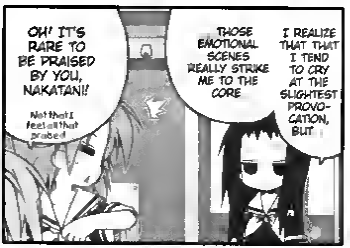
OF COURSE I SMILE NOW AND THEN.
YOU SAY YOU WATCHED MY DRAMA AND LAUGHED. BUT NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY, I CAN'T REMEMBER YOU EVER SMILING.
And what way is that to treat a person?

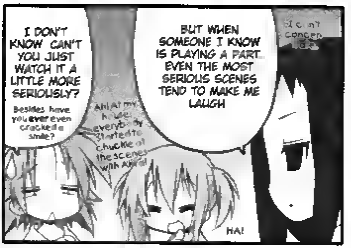
ALL RIGHT, IF YOU INSIST.
I don't see why you would want to see it so much though.
WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND SMILE RIGHT HERE!
HEH!
YEAH, AND I GUESS IT LOOKS A LOT LIKE THIS, HUH?
HEHN
TWITCH
TWITCH


YOU SAY I WAS ACTING? HOW RUDE.
FOR SOME REASON, I JUST STARTED TO WONDER IF I'M AS GOOD AN ACTRESS AS I THOUGHT I WAS...
But it's been a really long time since I saw that expression on her.
Right

true face




OH! IT'S RARE TO BE PRAISED BY YOU, NAKATANI!
Not that I feel all that praised.
THOSE EMOTIONAL SCENES REALLY STRIKE ME TO THE CORE
I REALIZE THAT THAT I TEND TO CRY AT THE SLIGHTEST PROVOCATION, BUT...


I DON'T KNOW. CAN'T YOU JUST WATCH IT A LITTLE MORE SERIOUSLY?
Besides, have you ever even cracked a smile?
BUT WHEN SOMEONE I KNOW IS PLAYING A PART, EVEN THE MOST SERIOUS SCENES TEND TO MAKE ME LAUGH
AN AT my house, everybody started to chuckle at the scenes with Akira!
It's not funny.
HA!

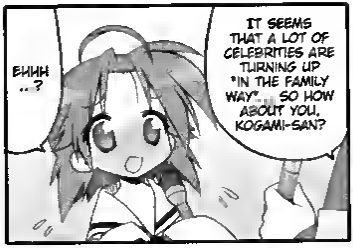
a too-foreseen result

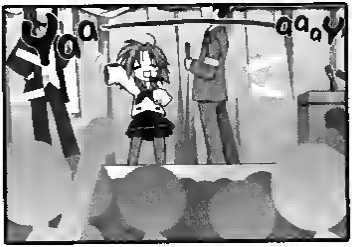
AH, SO WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT?
I had a lot of free time
GOOD MORNING YESTERDAY I SEARCHED THE NET AGAIN TO SEE HOW POPULAR AKIRA IS.
Oh, Kuro-chi! Hi there!

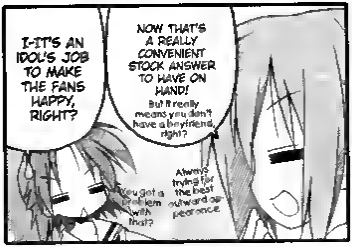
NEVER FEAR. I HAVE NO INTENTION OF SELLING IT
W-WAIT!! YOU'RE SELLING YOUR FRIENDSHIP?!
WHEN I CHECKED THE SIGNED CD I RECEIVED A WHILE BACK AT AUCTION
IT'S AGAINST THE LAW TO AUCTION SOMETHING YOU DON'T INTEND TO SELL!?

I LEFT IT ON THE SITE FROM LAST NIGHT UNTIL MORNING, AND HAD ZERO BIDS!!
WHAAAAH
I'm sure it's because they didn't know it the signature was real or not!

hitting the big time






I-IT'S AN IDOL'S JOB TO MAKE THE FANS HAPPY, RIGHT?
NOW THAT'S A REALLY CONVENIENT STOCK ANSWER TO HAVE ON HAND!
But it really means you don't have a boyfriend, right?
You got a problem with that?
Always trying for the most outward appearance.

KIRA☆Style
NEWLY RELEASED!!

I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE REACTION TO MY NEW CD
I hope nobody writes any bad reviews...
THAT'S TRUE. RECENTLY REVIEWS GO UP ON THE NET ALMOST IMMEDIATELY

SEV-ERAL DAYS LATER...
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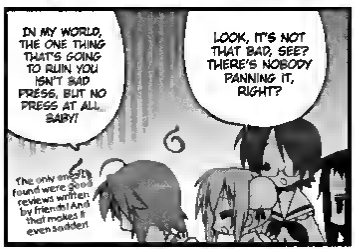
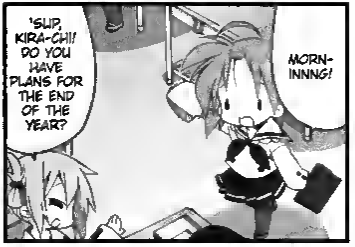
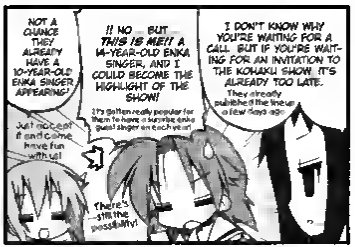
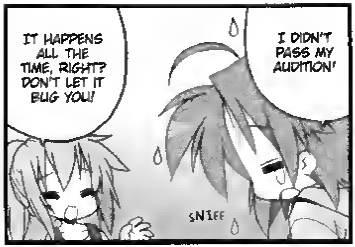

LOOK, IT'S NOT THAT BAD, SEE? THERE'S NOBODY PANNING IT, RIGHT?
IN MY WORLD, THE ONE THING THAT'S GOING TO RUIN YOU ISN'T BAD PRESS, BUT NO PRESS AT ALL, BABY!
The only ones I found were good reviews written by friends! And by that makes it even sadder!

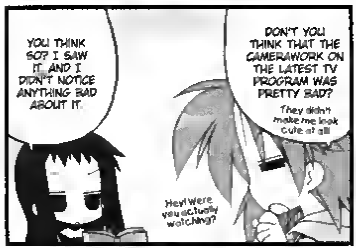

MORN-INNNG!
'SUP, KIRA-CHI! DO YOU HAVE PLANS FOR THE END OF THE YEAR?

AH! SORRY! I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SPEND THIS NEW YEAR'S WITH YOU GUYS THIS TIME!
Sorry! Sorry!
EHHH? IS THAT RIGHT?

SIGGH~~
BLANCE


I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE WAITING FOR A CALL. BUT IF YOU'RE WAITING FOR AN INVITATION TO THE KOHAKU SHOW, IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE.
They already published the line-up a few days ago.
!! NO... BUT THIS IS ME!! A 14-YEAR-OLD ENKA SINGER, AND I COULD BECOME THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SHOW!
It's gotten really popular for them to have a surprise enka guest singer on each year.
There's still the possibility!
NOT A CHANCE THEY ALREADY HAVE A 10-YEAR-OLD ENKA SINGER APPEARING!
Just not cool it and come have fun with us!

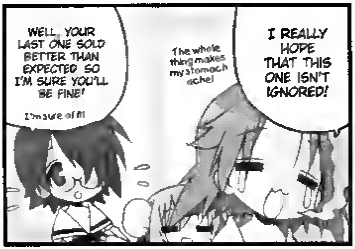

IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME, RIGHT? DON'T LET IT BUG YOU!
I DIDN'T PASS MY AUDITION!
SNIFF

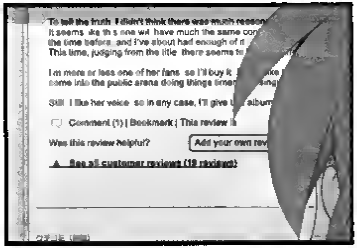

YOU THINK SO? I SAW IT, AND I DIDN'T NOTICE ANYTHING BAD ABOUT IT.
DON'T YOU THINK THAT THE CAMERAWORK ON THE LATEST TV PROGRAM WAS PRETTY BAD?
They didn't make me look cute at all!
Hey! Were you actually watching?

WOW, THAT'S GREAT! CONGRATU-LATIONS!
Listen! Listen!
ALL RIGHT! I GET TO DO MY ULTIMATE DREAM OF DOING A DOME LIVE!
Yaaay!!

I'M SURE IT'S FUN TO PLAY PRODUCER, BUT I REALLY THINK YOU SHOULD WORK ON BEING AN IDOL TOO
In reality
That's just a game you know
OKAY, NOW WHAT CAN I DO NEXT?

IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE NOW TAKING PRE-ORDERS FOR YOUR NEW CD
AKIRA-CHAN GOOD MORNING!


WELL, YOUR LAST ONE SOLD BETTER THAN EXPECTED SO I'M SURE YOU'LL BE FINE!
I'm sure of it!
I REALLY HOPE THAT THIS ONE ISN'T IGNORED!
The whole thing makes my stomach ache!


To tell the truth I didn't think there was much reason
It seems as th s one wi have much the same con
the time before, and I've about had enough of it
This time, judging from the title there seems to
I'm more or less one of her fans so I'll buy it
some into the public arena doing things
Still I like her voice so in any case, I'll give
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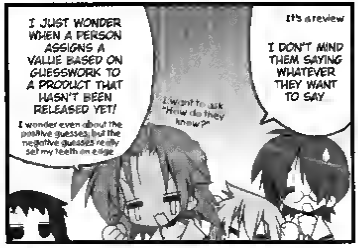
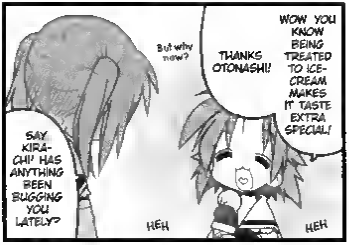
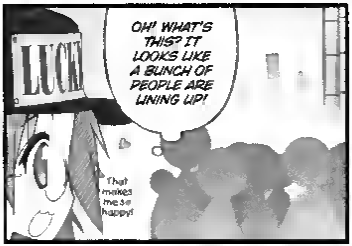

I JUST WONDER WHEN A PERSON ASSIGNS A VALUE BASED ON GUESSWORK TO A PRODUCT THAT HASN'T BEEN RELEASED YET!
I wonder even about the positive guesses, but the negative guesses really set my teeth on edge
I want to ask "How do they know?"
It's a review
I DON'T MIND THEM SAYING WHATEVER THEY WANT TO SAY

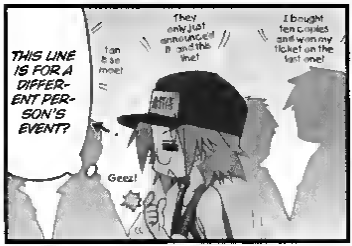
presence of a superior

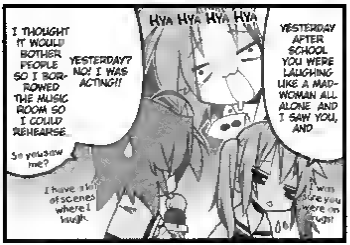
assigning meaning

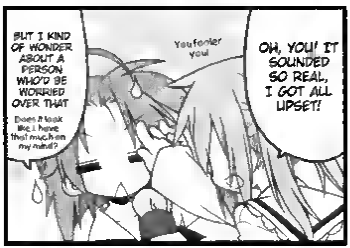

WOW YOU KNOW BEING TREATED TO ICE-CREAM MAKES IT TASTE EXTRA SPECIAL!
THANKS OTONASHI!
But why now?
SAY, KIRA-CHI! HAS ANYTHING BEEN BUGGING YOU LATELY?
HEH
HEH



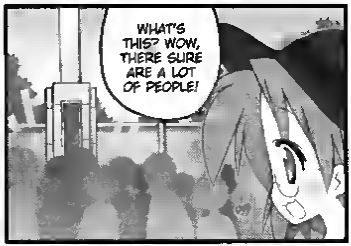
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT, I WON'T PRY BUT I REALLY THINK YOU SHOULD TALK TO SOMEBODY BEFORE IT GETS TOO PAINFUL FOR YOU!
.....
EH?
GRABB

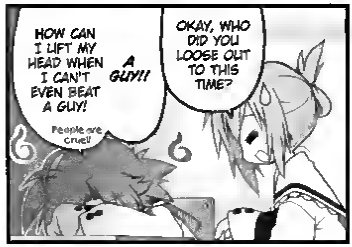

THIS LINE IS FOR A DIFFER-ENT PER-SON'S EVENT?
I can't be me!
They only just announced it on the line!
I bought ten copies and won my ticket on the last one!
Geez!


I THOUGHT IT WOULD BOTHER PEOPLE SO I BOR-ROWED THE MUSIC ROOM SO I COULD REHEARSE.
YESTERDAY? NO! I WAS ACTING!!
HYA HYA HYA HYA
YESTERDAY AFTER SCHOOL YOU WERE LAUGHING LIKE A MAD-WOMAN ALL ALONE AND I SAW YOU, AND
So you saw me?
I have a lot of scenes where I laugh.
I was sure you were in tears!


BUT I KIND OF WONDER ABOUT A PERSON WHO'D BE WORRIED OVER THAT
Does it look like I have that much on my mind?
You fonder you!
OH, YOU! IT SOUNDED SO REAL, I GOT ALL UPSET!

well, no help for it.





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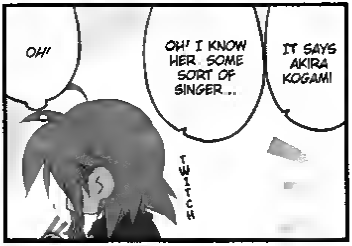

I'm thirsty! Thank
IS SHE IN ANY TV SHOWS?
I DON'T REMEMBER
I RE-MEMBER HER NAME MENTIONED ON TV SOMEWHERE RECENTLY, BUT
HER FACE DOESN'T REALLY COME TO MIND
OH? WHAT'D SHE SING?
THEN WHAT'S SHE LOOK LIKE?

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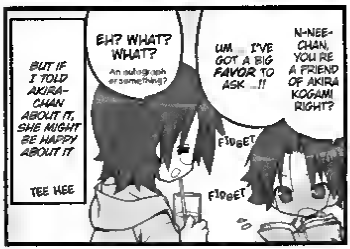
I SORT OF UNDER-STAND SINCE AKIRA-CHAN IS AN IDOL..
OH, AND THEN AKIRA-CHAN..
RECENTLY WHEN MY BROTHER HEARS ME TALK ABOUT AKIRA-CHAN HE HAS THIS STRANGE REAC-TION

IT KIND OF COMPLI-CATES THINGS.
BUT WHEN A FAMILY MEMBER FEELS THAT WAY...


BUT IF I TOLD AKIRA-CHAN ABOUT IT, SHE MIGHT BE HAPPY ABOUT IT
TEE HEE
EH? WHAT? WHAT?
An autograph or something?
UM... I'VE GOT A BIG FAVOR TO ASK...!!
N-NEE-CHAN, YOU'RE A FRIEND OF AKIRA KOGAMI RIGHT?
FIDGET
FIDGET

ON THE OTHER HAND, MAYBE I WON'T TELL HER.
EH? AH.. UH... YOU MEAN HER LITTLE SISTER?
C-COULD YOU ASK WHAT THINGS KOGAMI LIKES BEST?!
The Kogami in my class!

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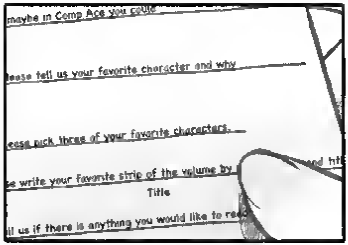
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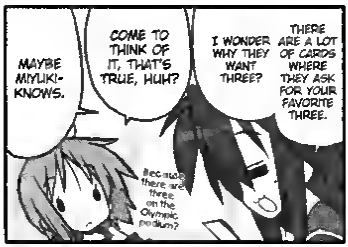
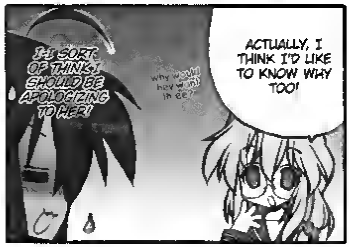

MAYBE MIYUKI-KNOWS.
COME TO THINK OF IT, THAT'S TRUE, HUH?
Because there are three on the Olympic podium?
I WONDER WHY THEY WANT THREE?
THERE ARE A LOT OF CARDS WHERE THEY ASK FOR YOUR FAVORITE THREE.



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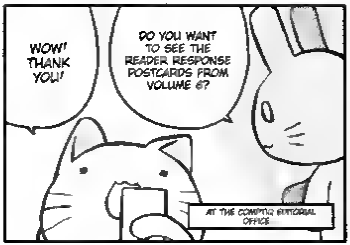

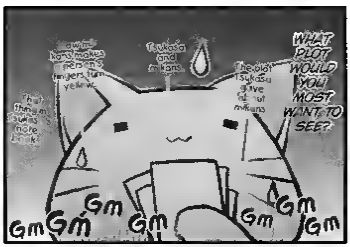

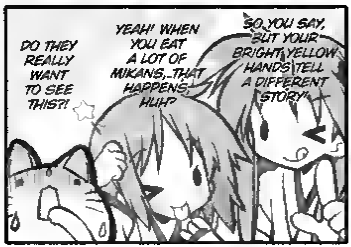
DO THEY REALLY WANT TO SEE THIS?
YEAH! WHEN YOU EAT A LOT OF MIKANS,..THAT HAPPENS, HUH?
SO, YOU SAY, BUT YOUR BRIGHT YELLOW HANDS TELL A DIFFERENT STORY!

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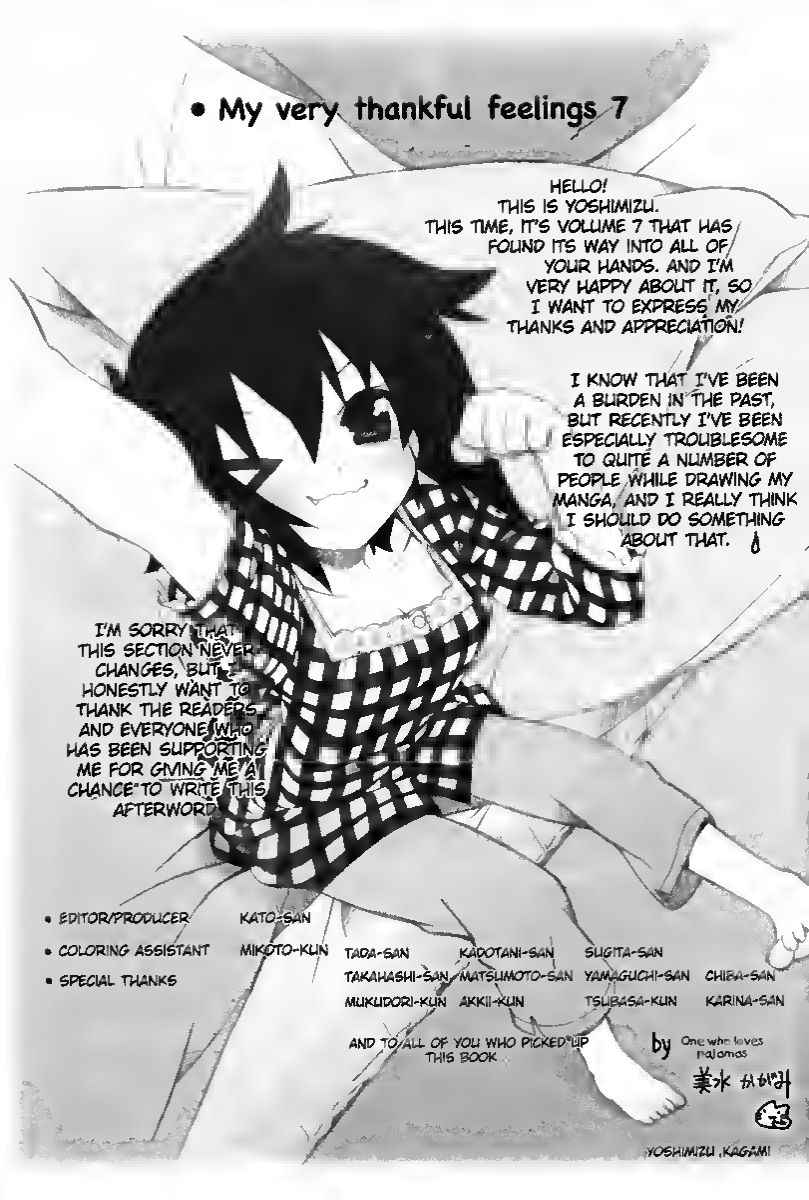
HELLO!
THIS IS YOSHIMIZU.
THIS TIME, IT'S VOLUME 7 THAT HAS FOUND ITS WAY INTO ALL OF YOUR HANDS. AND I'M VERY HAPPY ABOUT IT, SO I WANT TO EXPRESS MY THANKS AND APPRECIATION!
I KNOW THAT I'VE BEEN A BURDEN IN THE PAST, BUT RECENTLY I'VE BEEN ESPECIALLY TROUBLESOME TO QUITE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHILE DRAWING MY MANGA, AND I REALLY THINK I SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT.
I'M SORRY THAT THIS SECTION NEVER CHANGES, BUT I HONESTLY WANT TO THANK THE READERS AND EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN SUPPORTING ME FOR GIVING ME A CHANCE TO WRITE THIS AFTERWORD.

- EDITOR/PRODUCER KATO-SAN
- COLORING ASSISTANT MIKOTO-KUN
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AND TO ALL OF YOU WHO PICKED UP THIS BOOK

by One who loves pajamas

YOSHIMIZU KAGAMI

TRANSLATOR NOTES

P.3 AKUMA IN THE JAPANESE, THE STREET FIGHTER SERIES CHARACTER, AKUMA, IS CALLED GOUKI, AND IN THE JAPANESE VERSION OF THIS STRIP, KOU ALSO CALLED HIM GOUKI. THIS TRANSLATION CHANGED IT TO AKUMA SO AS NOT TO CONFUSE WESTERN PLAYERS OF THE GAME.

P.5 GYOZA USUALLY CALLED POT-STICKERS IN ENGLISH, THE JAPANESE VERSION OF THIS CHINESE DISH IS PAN-FRIED WITH A CRISPY OUTER SKIN RATHER THAN BOILED AS THE CHINESE USUALLY MAKE THEM.

P.17 KAIMA KATSURAGI THE SHONEN SUNDAY MANGA ANTHOLOGY FEATURES A MANGA CALLED KAIMI NOMI ZO SHIRU! SEKAI (A WORLD THAT ONLY THE GODS KNOW) ABOUT A HIGH-SCHOOL-AGED SIM-DATING-GAME EXPERT WHO HAS THE GAMING SKILLS TO "CAPTURE" ANY FEMALE IN A DATING SIM THAT HE WANTS.

P.36 <> BRACKETS THE "GREATER-THAN" AND "LESS-THAN" BRACKETS ARE A TRADITIONAL WAY FOR COMICS TO SHOW THAT THE CHARACTERS ARE SPEAKING A FOREIGN LANGUAGE RATHER THAN ENGLISH. IN THIS CASE, THOUGH, THE NORMAL LANGUAGE IS JAPANESE, AND THOSE LINES CONTAINED IN THE <> BRACKETS ARE SPEAKING IN ENGLISH.

POTATOE AS YOU MAY GUESS, THE JAPANESE TITLE WAS NOT A MISSPELLING OF POTATO, BUT LIKE FORMER VICE PRESIDENT DAN QUALE'S SPELLING GAFF, THE TITLE CAME FROM A SIMILAR GAFF. FORMER JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER AND MANGA ENTHUSIAST, TARO ASO MISPRONOUNCED "MIZOU" (A WORD MEANING UNPRECEDENTED) AS "MISOUYUU." HIS GAFF CAUSED HIS OPPOSITION IN THE DIET (JAPANESE CONGRESS) TO POUNCE MAKING CLAIMS THAT HIS DEVOTION TO MANGA IS THE REASON WHY HE CAN'T PROPERLY PRONOUNCE THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE. THEIR CLAIM WAS THAT MANGA PREVENTS ONE FROM LEARNING THEIR KANJI PRONUNCIATIONS PROPERLY.

P.41 KENDAMA KENDAMA IS THE GAME PICTURED IN THE SECOND PANEL WITH A BALL AT ONE END OF A ROPE, AND AT THE OTHER END IS A CROSS-LIKE WOODEN PIECE WITH THREE "CUPS" AND A PEG, ALL OF WHICH THE BALL CAN REST ON.

AYATORI AYATORI IS THE JAPANESE NAME FOR THE CAT'S CRADLE GAME.

TAKEUMA TAKEUMA (BAMBOO HORSE) IS A TYPE OF STILTS GENERALLY MADE OF BAMBOO.

PRINCESS DOLLS EVERY MARCH 3RD THERE IS A DAY OF "HINA MATSURI," ("PRINCESS FESTIVAL") IN WHICH EACH FAMILY WITH A DAUGHTER DRESSES UP A SET OF SHELVES WITH DOLLS THAT REPRESENT THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL ENTOURAGE IN THE MIDDLE AGES. THE DOLLS INCLUDE THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS AND MANY OF THE COURTLY PEOPLE.

MAY STATUES ON THE 5TH DAY OF MAY, THE BOYS GET THEIR RESPONSE TO THE HINA MATSURI (SEE THE ABOVE NOTE). WITH FAMILIES WHO HAVE BOYS, THERE IS A DISPLAY OF A MINIATURE SAMURAI HELMET AND WEAPONS SOMEWHERE WITHIN THE HOUSE, AND THEY RAISE CARP STREAMERS ONTO TALL OUTDOOR FLAGPOLES.

HANA YORI DANGO YES, THIS IS A POPULAR MANGA-CUM-ASIA-SMASH-HIT-TV-SERIES PLOT. BUT BEFORE THE MANGA, IT WAS A SAYING DESCRIBING PEOPLE AT FLOWER-VIEWING PARTIES WHO DON'T REALLY LOOK AT THE FLOWERS. DANGO ARE A SMALL DUMPLING BALLS AND ARE A FAVORITE TREAT AT FLOWER-VIEW PARTIES. SO "PREFERRING "DANGO OVER FLOWERS" (THE LITERAL OF HANA YORI DANGO) DESCRIBES A PERSON WHO GOES TO A FLOWER VIEWING PARTY TO EAT AND DRINK RATHER THAN TO VIEW THE SCENERY.

P.42 SELF-EFFACING SELF EFFACING IS A RATHER ADVANCED WORD IN ENGLISH, AND OKAYUKASHII (WHICH MEANS SELF-EFFACING) IS AN ADVANCED WORD AND NOT ONE GENERALLY USED BY SPEAKERS OF JAPANESE AS A SECOND LANGUAGE.

P.46 FLOWERS THE JAPANESE WORD FOR LILY IS "YURI," WHICH IS ALSO THE WORD FOR LESBIAN-THEMED MANGA. THE WORD FOR ROSE, "BARA" IS ALSO THE WORD FOR MALE-ORIENTED GAY-THEMED YAOI MANGA.

P.49 CAT FOOD THE CAT FOOD AND ALL THE OTHER THINGS MENTIONED HERE ARE A PART OF THE MMORPG MONSTER HUNTER. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS TRANSLATOR HAS NEVER PLAYED THE GAME, SO IF I GOT ANY TERMS WRONG, SORRY!

P.52 STAR OF LUCK IN JAPANESE, KONATA SAID "KOU-UN NO HOSHI" WHICH MEANS "STAR OF LUCK." SHE DIDN'T SAY THE TITLE OF THE MANGA.

P.53 PERISH THE THOUGHT PATTY USED A STRANGE ARCHAIC VERB FORM FOR THIS STATEMENT. "PERISH THE THOUGHT" MEANS WHAT PATTY SAID, AND IS SOMETHING OF AN UNUSUAL PHRASE FOR A HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENT.

JK FASHION JAPAN AND KOREAN FASHION

P.56 KOU-CHAN-SEMPAI USING -CHAN-SEMPAI ISN'T QUITE NORMAL, BUT IT'S POSSIBLE WHEN A PERSON SAYS "-CHAN," BUT REALIZES THAT HE/SHE SHOULD HAVE SAID "-SEMPAI."

YASAKO THIS IS A NICKNAME USING THE FIRST TWO SYLLABLES OF KOU'S FAMILY NAME, YASAKA, AND CHANGING THE "KA" TO THE FEMALE NAME-ENDING SOUND "KO." (NOTE THAT FEMALE NAMES ENDING IN "KO" HAVE FALLEN OUT OF FASHION. THE ONLY LUCKY STAR CHARACTER WHO USES THAT CONVENTION IN HER NAME IS THE TEACHER, NANAKO.)

CLENCH YOUR TEETH THIS IS A RATHER COMMON PHRASE THAT MEANS "GET READY TO BE PUNCHED IN THE FACE!"

P.60 KOBA-CHI IN THIS CASE, THE "HONORIFIC" (ACTUALLY A "DIMINUTIVE") THAT REPLACES -CHAN IS -CHI. THE KOBA IS SHORT FOR KOBAYAKAWA, YUTAKA'S FAMILY NAME.

P.61 OTAKU JARGON "TWIN TAILS" FOR TWIN PONY TAILS IS OTAKU JARGON COINED FOR CHARACTERS LIKE ASUKA IN EVANGELION.

P.62 BOOK BACKPACK THE JAPANESE USE THE DUTCH WORD "RANSEL" FOR THE LEATHER BACKPACK BOOK BAG. IT IS A STANDARD AND EXPENSIVE ACCESSORY FOR GRADE-SCHOOLERS IN JAPAN. BY MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL, IT'S REPLACED BY A KIND OF BRIEFCASE.

P.77 FUJIO AKATSUKA A CONTEMPORARY OF OSAMU TEZUKA AND A TENANT OF THE SAME OLD APARTMENT BUILDING WHERE RESIDED A NUMBER OF OTHER FAMOUS MANGA ARTISTS SUCH AS THE CREATORS OF DORAEMON.

HIS SIGNATURE MANGA IS TENSAI BAKABON, BUT HE HAD NUMEROUS OTHER HIT GAG MANGA AND WAS POPULAR WITH SEVERAL GENERATIONS OF JAPANESE SHOUNEN MANGA FANS.

EXHIBIT IN MOST OF THE BIG DEPARTMENT STORES IN DOWNTOWN DISTRICTS SUCH AS GINZA SHINJUKU, AND OTHER URBAN CENTERS ON THE UPPER FLOORS OF THE DEPARTMENT STORE IS COMMONLY FOUND A GALLERY THESE GALLERIES HOLD EXHIBITIONS WITH AS MANY THEMES AS THERE ARE STYLES OF ART. GENERALLY THESE EXHIBITS LAST FOR A FEW WEEKS AT A TIME. ONLY TO BE REPLACED BY THE NEXT THEMED SHOWING. THE FUJIO AKATSUKA EXHIBIT MENTIONED IN THE STRIP WAS IN FACT HELD IN THE GINZA MATSUYA DEPARTMENT STORE DURING THE DATES MENTIONED IN THE STRIP

SHEEH ONE OF AKATSUKA'S SIGNATURE GAGS WAS A CHARACTER, WHEN STARTLED OR WEIRDED OUT, WOULD PLACE ONE HAND HORIZONTALLY ABOVE HIS HEAD AND THE OTHER HORIZONTALLY AT ABOUT WASTE LEVEL, LIFT ONE FOOT AND SAY "SHEEH!" IT BECAME HIS SIGNATURE SURPRISE REACTION, AND WAS AS FAMOUS IN JAPAN AS THE DOUBLE TAKE IS IN THE WEST

P.91 24/7/365 THE TITLE OF THIS STRIP WAS A 4-KANJI-CHARACTER WORD THAT MEANS NO DAYS OFF ALL YEAR AND IS USUALLY USED ON RETAIL STORES THAT STAY OPEN ALL YEAR. 24/7/365, MEANING ALWAYS AVAILABLE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, 365 DAYS A YEAR, IS A VERY SIMILAR PHRASE IN ENGLISH.

FORGET THE YEAR AT THE END OF EVERY YEAR, THERE IS A "BOUNENKAI" WHICH MEANS, "FORGET-THE-YEAR PARTY." IT'S USUALLY A DINNER PARTY FOR WORKPLACES OR CLUBS AND TENDS TO INCLUDE A LOT OF ALCOHOL.

P.93 FIRST DREAM THE FIRST DREAM OF A NEW YEAR IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE PROPHETIC IMPLICATIONS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. GOOD SYMBOLS TO DREAM ABOUT IN YOUR FIRST DREAM OF THE NEW YEAR ARE MT. FUJI, EGGPLANTS, AND HAWKS.

BAKU-SAN SOMETIMES DEPICTED AS A TAPIR, SOMETIMES A PIG, BAKU IS A DREAM-EATING SPIRIT OUT OF JAPANESE FOLKLORE

P.104 GIRL-ISH AS YOU MAY GUESS, THIS IS A SUBSTITUTED PUN, BUT IT'S PRETTY CLOSE TO THE ORIGINAL PUN IN JAPANESE, THE WORD "OTOME" MEANS VERY FEMININE, BUT ONE CAN USE THE SAME KANJI AND PRONOUNCE "OTSU ONNA," WHICH MEANS SOMETHING CLOSE TO "WEIRD WOMAN."

P.106 A COIN TO A CAT THIS IS A FAMOUS JAPANESE SAYING. "NEKO NI KOUBAN" WHICH MEANS "IT'S LIKE GIVING A COIN TO A CAT." IT REFERS TO DOING SOMETHING FOR A PERSON WHO DOESN'T (OR CAN'T) APPRECIATE IT.

P.115 CATCH FIRE THIS IS A PUN WHICH I TRIED TO LEAVE AS CLOSE TO THE JAPANESE AS POSSIBLE. MOE (AND IT'S VERB FORM, MOERU) MEANS "TO BLOOM" AND AS HAS BEEN MENTIONED IN THE NOTES OF PREVIOUS VOLUMES, REFERS TO A PARTICULAR STYLE OF MANGA, ANIME AND GAME. BUT THERE IS A "MOERU" IN JAPAN THAT MEANS "TO BURN." AND JAPANESE TRASH IS SEPARATED INTO BURNABLE (PAPER, CARDBOARD ETC.) AND NON BURNABLE (PLASTICS, METALS, ETC.) GARBAGE WITH SEPARATE DAYS FOR PICKUP. SO EVEN THOUGH THE DOUJINSHI WEREN'T MOERU (NOT MOE ENOUGH) THEY GO INTO THE MOERU (BURNABLE) TRASH.

P.118 BOKE TSUKKOMI KONATA WAS TALKING ABOUT THE JAPANESE 2-MAN COMEDY STYLING OF "MANZAI." IT PLAYS A BIT LIKE LAUREL AND HARDY WITH ONE GUY PLAYING THE DUMB GUY (BOKE) AND THE OTHER (TSUKKOMI) GETTING ANGRY AND FRUSTRATED AT EVERY STUPID THING THE DUMB GUY SAYS

P.120 CELEBRITIES IT'S A COMMON TRACK FOR A COMEDIAN OR COMEDY TEAM TO START OUT DOING COMEDY SKETCHES AND LATER MOVE INTO POSITIONS AS HOSTS OR REGULAR GUESTS ON VARIETY SHOWS. IT'S ALSO COMMON FOR THE COMEDY THAT GOT THEM THERE TO DISAPPEAR FROM THE AIRWAVES AS THEY GAIN SUCCESS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE BUSINESS.

P.121 POINTS MOST BUSINESSES IN JAPAN HAVE SOME KIND OF POINT CARDS TO REWARD FREQUENT CUSTOMERS. BUT EACH SEEMS TO USE THEM IN DIFFERENT WAYS. SOME BUILD UP POINTS TOWARDS A PARTICULAR ITEM. OTHERS OFFER A RANGE OF FREE ITEMS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS OF POINTS. AND YET OTHERS SIMPLY APPLY THE POINTS LIKE MONEY. PROBABLY THE ONE KONATA WAS USING WAS A POINTS-FOR-MONEY-STYLE CARD.

P.123 YUTAKA IS YUTAKA THIS WAS AN UNTRANSLATABLE PUN IN JAPANESE. THE TITLE PLAYS ON THE JAPANESE MEANING OF THE NAMES FOR YUTAKA (ABUNDANCE), MINAMI (SOUTH) AND HIYORI (SUNLIGHT). THE LITERAL TRANSLATION WOULD BE, "BECAUSE OF SUNLIGHT AND THE SOUTH, THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE."

P.139 KOHAKU THERE IS AN ANNUAL TV PROGRAM THAT TAKES PLACE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE AND LASTS FOR ABOUT FOUR HOURS EVERY YEAR. IT IS PRESENTED AS A "COMPETITION" BETWEEN FEMALE VOCALISTS AND MALE VOCALISTS AND IT ATTRACTS THE BIGGEST STARS OF THE DAY. PEOPLE INVITED TO BE ON IT ARE THOUGHT TO HAVE "ARRIVED" AS FAR AS POPULARITY IS CONCERNED, AND IT IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATED PROGRAMS IN JAPAN EVERY YEAR. MOST EVERY POP SINGER DREAMS OF BEING ON THE SHOW.

ENKA THIS IS THE MORE TRADITIONAL STYLE OF POP MUSIC IN JAPAN, AND ALTHOUGH IT HAS BOTH YOUNG AND OLD FANS, THE MAJORITY OF ENKA FANS ARE MIDDLE-AGED OR OLDER. MORE RECENTLY SOME UNUSUAL PEOPLE LIKE BLACK ENKA SINGER JERO AND SOME VERY YOUNG SINGERS HAVE HELPED ENKA GAIN MORE ACCEPTANCE WITH THE YOUNGER GENERATION, BUT IT DOES NOT RIVAL JAPANESE POP OR ROCK MUSIC FOR POPULARITY WITH THE HIGH-SCHOOL CROWD.

P.149 MAHJONG TIME TO CONFESS. I CAN'T BE SURE THAT WHAT I TRANSLATED MAKES SENSE. I'M PRETTY SURE THE TERMS ARE CORRECT, BUT MY ONLY EXPERIENCE AT PLAYING MAHJONG WAS SOME SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO ON A COMPUTER GAME. SO WHILE THE VOCABULARY ARE PROBABLY CORRECT, I HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING IF THE FLOW OF THE GAME IN THE STORY WOULD MAKE ANY SENSE TO A MAHJONG PLAYER OR NOT. MAYBE, LIKE HIYORI, I SHOULD THINK OF THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY AND TAKE UP THE GAME

BACK COVER MA'AM WHAT YUI WAS TALKING ABOUT WAS WHEN YOUNGER PEOPLE IN JAPAN CALL A WOMAN WHO IS SLIGHTLY OLDER "OBA-SAN," WHICH MEANS "AUNT," BUT CAN BE USED FOR ANYONE OF AN AUNT-LIKE AGE WHEN ONE IS CALLED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME, IT IS A SHOCK IN THE SAME WAY THAT BEING CALLED "MA'AM" CAN BE TO ENGLISH-SPEAKING WOMEN

BACK PAGE OBON THIS IS A TIME TO HONOR ONES ANCESTORS HELD IN AUGUST. IT IS MARKED BY FESTIVALS AT TEMPLES AND SHRINES, AND IS USUALLY ACCOMPANIED BY PEOPLE GOING BACK TO VISIT THEIR ANCESTRAL HOMES. SINCE AUGUST IS THE TIME FOR SUMMER VACATION IN JAPAN, IT USUALLY DOESN'T MEAN EXTRA DAYS OFF FOR STUDENTS, BUT USUALLY MARKS A PART OF THE SUMMER WHEN MANY PEOPLE TRAVEL.

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this month's recommendation

BUT THIS ISN'T THE END OF THE MANGA, SO KEEP SUPPORTING US!
Please?
YOU CAN EXPECT WE 3RD YEAR STUDENTS TO GRADUATE IN THIS VOLUME AS THE PLOT DEVELOPS!
AND THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF SPIN-OFF PRODUCTS COMING OUT!
Thank you so much!
THE "LUCKY ☆ STAR" FAIR 2008 IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!
EH? YOU SAY THIS ISN'T A MANGA? WELL SINCE WE HAVE THIS BIG SPACE, WE WANTED TO MAKE OUR BEST APPEAL IN BOTH A MANGA AND POSTER-LIKE STYLE!
Besides, this may be the last time we ever appear at the top of the page again!
AND THANKS TO YOU, VOLUME 6 WILL ALSO BE SENT TO YOU!

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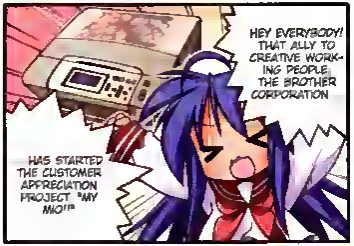
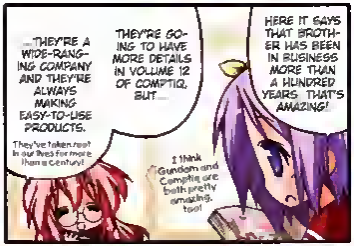

HEY EVERYBODY! THAT ALLY TO CREATIVE WORKING PEOPLE, THE BROTHER CORPORATION
HAS STARTED THE CUSTOMER APPRECIATION PROJECT "MY MIO!"


...THEY'RE A WIDE-RANGING COMPANY AND THEY'RE ALWAYS MAKING EASY-TO-USE PRODUCTS.
They've taken root in our lives for more than a century!
THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE MORE DETAILS IN VOLUME 12 OF COMPTIQ, BUT...
I think Gundam and Comptiq are both pretty amazing, too!
HERE IT SAYS THAT BROTHER HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS MORE THAN A HUNDRED YEARS. THAT'S AMAZING!

IT'D BE NICE IF A LITTLE OF THE BROTHER SPIRIT RUBBED OFF ON US, AND WE COULD GO ON THAT LONG!
AND NOW THAT WE CAN HAVE A CLOSER COLLABORATION TO SUCH AN AMAZING COMPANY, I'D SAY WE'RE EVEN MORE LUCKY!
PAAA
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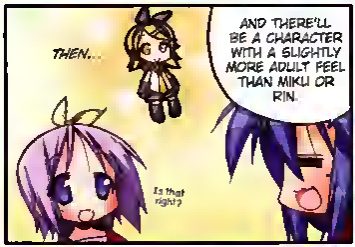
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
...IT BECOMES PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE.
In all meanings of the word.
NAW! WHEN IT COMES TO THAT KIND OF LONGEVITY IN TERMS OF PLOTS AND OUR AGE AND THE LIKE...

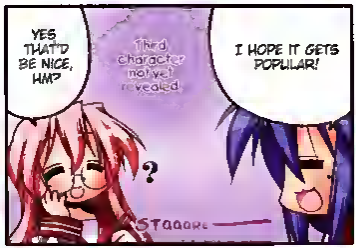
• Comp Ace February, 1009

glasses?

AH... THAT THING YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT BEFORE. HUH?
YESTERDAY, DUE TO SOME UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES, I FOUND OUT THAT THERE WILL BE A THIRD VOCALOID!
They sure make a lot of them.

FIRST THERE WAS...
MUNCH MUNCH
IN THE THIRD ONE THEY SAY SHE'LL BE BILINGUAL AND REALLY GOOD AT ENGLISH.
She seems really smart.





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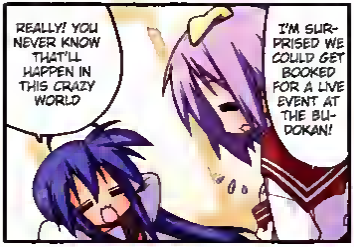

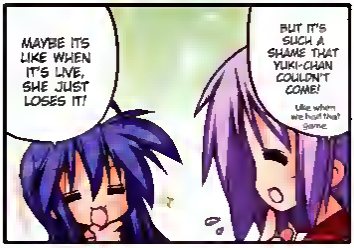

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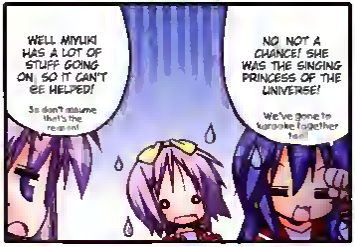
WELL MIYUKI HAS A LOT OF STUFF GOING ON, SO IT CAN'T BE HELPED!
So don't assume that's the reason!
NO, NOT A CHANCE! SHE WAS THE SINGING PRINCESS OF THE UNIVERSE!
We've gone to karaoke together, too!

from the Lucky ☆ Star in the Budokan flyer. March 29, 2009

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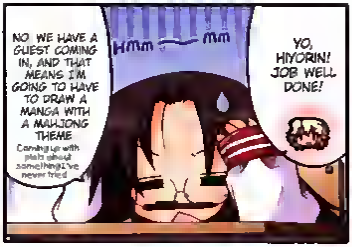
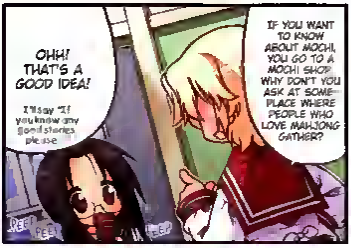
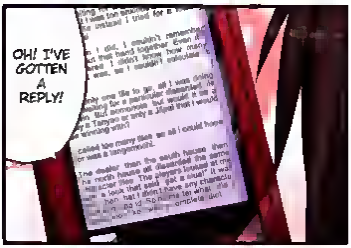
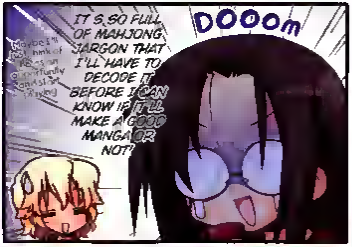

NO, WE HAVE A GUEST COMING IN, AND THAT MEANS I'M GOING TO HAVE TO DRAW A MANGA WITH A MAHJONG THEME
Coming up with plots about something I've never tried
Hmm... mm
YO, HIYORIN! JOB WELL DONE!


OHH! THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!
I'll say "I" if you know any good stories please.
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT MOCHI, YOU GO TO A MOCHI SHOP. WHY DON'T YOU ASK AT SOME PLACE WHERE PEOPLE WHO LOVE MAHJONG GATHER?
PEEP
PEEP
PEEP





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